

**RIVER VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2 / 2015
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY 3**

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary 3 _____

Date: 29 October 2015

Duration for Parts 1 & 2: 1 hour 15 minutes

Marks	
Part 1	18
Part 2	32
Total	50

Parent's Signature: _____

Instructions to candidates

1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. Use the OAS sheet provided to answer questions 1 - 18 only.
4. For questions 19 - 42, write your answers in the blanks in this booklet.
5. Answer ALL questions.

Part 1

Section A: Grammar MCQ (8 x 1 mark)

For each question from 1 to 8, four options are given. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the OAS.

1. We _____ going for a movie next week.

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

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2. He _____ have been the top student if he wanted to.

- (1) will
- (2) can
- (3) could
- (4) should

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3. The boy liked _____ the dog _____ the cat when choosing a pet.

He preferred to have a fish instead.

- (1) only...not
- (2) both...and
- (3) either...or
- (4) neither....nor

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4. Julie leaped _____ the pile of rocks and landed on her feet.

- (1) in
- (2) over
- (3) under
- (4) through

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5. Father will _____ the cake to the office now.

(1) take

(2) takes

(3) taken

(4) taking

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6. They clapped for the winners _____ they were sad to have lost the competition.

(1) if

(2) since

(3) because

(4) although

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7. _____ tree on the other side of the field is quite far from where we are.

(1) That

(2) This

(3) These

(4) Those

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8. You must eat your vegetables _____ you want to be more healthy.

(1) if

(2) or

(3) so

(4) then

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Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (6 x 1 mark)

For each question from 9 to 14, four options are given. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the OAS.

9. One of the main duties of a _____ is to help answer telephone calls for the boss.

- (1) chef
- (2) secretary
- (3) manager
- (4) policeman

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10. Mrs Yong lived in the old _____ in Chinatown for many years. She worked at the bakery downstairs while living upstairs.

- (1) bungalow
- (2) shophouse
- (3) attap house
- (4) condominium

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11. The famous star walked over to sign the _____ for her fans.

- (1) words
- (2) names
- (3) signatures
- (4) autographs

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12. The teacher _____ the girl for her naughty actions.

- (1) praised
- (2) reminded
- (3) reprimanded
- (4) complimented

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13. The car was _____ at the traffic lights and did not move.

- (1) stable
- (2) station
- (3) stationary
- (4) stationery

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14. The champion boasted that anyone who dared to be his _____ will definitely be beaten in the end.

- (1) partner
- (2) follower
- (3) supporter
- (4) challenger

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Section C: Comprehension Passage 1 (8 marks)

Q20

Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions Q15 to Q19.

It was the first day of school. When I stepped into the hall, I found myself searching for where my new classroom. Some other pupils were also walking around hesitantly, looking for their new class rooms.

Fortunately, the teachers were on hand to help guide us quickly to where we should all be. I sat down with my new classmates and took out a story book from my bag to read, just as I had done every year as a student in another school.

Later, our new Form Teacher led us to our new classrooms. He spent some time telling us all about the class and school rules. Then, we played a game where we got to know our classmates better.

During recess time, some of my new classmates showed me around a few of the interesting places around the school. They also recommended their favourite food stalls in the canteen. I liked the noodles stall the most as the soup was really delicious!

At dismissal time, one of my classmates who lives near my home showed me which bus queue to line up at. The school bus moved off on time and I had a good chat with her during our journey home. It was a very eventful day for me!

Adapted from <http://kidsessays.com>

15. Why were there many pupils walking around, looking for their classes?

(1m)

- (1) It was the end of the school year.
- (2) The teachers were there to guide them.
- (3) They all wanted to read their story books.
- (4) Not everyone knew where his or her classroom was located. ()

16. What does the phrase "just as I had done every year as a student" (Line 6) best tell us about the author? (1m)

- (1) She could make friends easily.
- (2) She lived far away from the school.
- (3) She was nervous about the first day of school.
- (4) She had been a student for more than one year. ()

17. From the passage, which of the following quoted phrases is not an example of the classmates being friendly to the author? (1m)

- (1) "...to help guide us quickly..."
- (2) "...recommended their favourite food stalls..."
- (3) "...showed me which bus queue to line up at..."
- (4) "...showed me around a few of the interesting places..." ()

18. Which word accurately describes how the author felt at the end of the story? (1m)

- (1) Excited.
- (2) Worried.
- (3) Stressed.
- (4) Disinterested. ()

Part 2

19. Which word in the paragraph 1 has the same meaning as "being unsure"? Write the word in the box below. (2m)

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20. Write T (True) or F (False) about whether each of the following sentences is true or false about ^{the author}~~Susan~~ in the story. (2m)

	T or F
a) The author was a new pupil at the school.	
b) The author liked all the food stalls equally.	

Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

For the passage below, there are 4 blanks. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank and write its letter in the blank. You may use each word **ONLY ONCE**.

(A) by	(B) to	(C) on
(D) over	(E) under	(F) through

My family went shopping on Sunday. We took the public bus (21) _____ Orchard Road. While we were (22) _____ the way, the bus made several stops. It also drove (23) _____ a long tunnel. We finally reached our destination and alighted at the stop (24) _____ Ion Shopping Centre. It was a pleasant journey.

Read the following passage carefully. **Underline** the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

It was recess time and the pupils gathered to play. Ivan was the (25) **[smaller, smallest]** of the two boys who were yet to be chosen to join the teams. He boasted, "Though I am not the (26) **[taller, tallest]** kid in school, I am the (27) **[better, best]** player among all of us! Choose me!" The other boy replied that Ivan was merely the (28) **[noisier, noisiest]** of the two of them. He asked the others to decide this for themselves.

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Section E: Comprehension Cloze (6 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

One day, Mindy went fishing with Uncle Wong. At the river, they noticed a few ducks (29) _____ in the water using their webbed feet.

Uncle Wong led her (30) _____ a bridge over the river to get to the other side.

Uncle Wong soon found his favourite fishing spot by the river. It was a grass patch that was (31) _____ by many trees with bright flowers. There was only the soft (32) _____ of birds and the gentle rustling of the leaves to disturb the silence. Mindy thought that this spot was so quiet and peaceful that she would not (33) _____ staying there for many hours!

After a while, there was a sudden loud (34) _____ from a huge frog. This took Mindy by surprise and she jumped in fright before bursting into laughter when she realised what had frightened her.

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Section F: Sentence Manipulation (3 x 2 mark)

For each of the items from 33 to ³⁷35, combine the sentences to make one sentence using the word(s) given. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the sentences given.

35. Bobby wants to watch his favourite television programme. Bobby has to finish his homework.

_____ as

36. Blue is Muthu's favourite colour. Muthu chose the blue shirt.

_____ because

37. The workers complete the job. The workers will be paid.

When _____

Section G: Comprehension Passage 2 (8 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions.

<p>It was Chinese New Year again! Ricky was very excited when he woke up. Unlike the usual school day, he was more eager to brush his teeth and get dressed quickly. This morning, he would get to visit his relatives while feasting on delicious meals!</p>	
<p>With his parents leading the way, Ricky and his sister travelled to his grandparents' home in the Bedok area. They took the MRT train from Outram MRT station and encountered a large crowd there. The family could hardly stay together as they struggled to reach the platform to board the next train.</p>	5
<p>When the train arrived, Ricky quickly squeezed ahead and managed to get into the carriage. The warning bell sounded and the doors closed before the train moved off. Suddenly, Ricky heard some shouts from outside the doors. To his horror, he recognised his father's voice and realised that he was the only one from his family who had boarded the crowded train. It was too late to get off now!</p>	10
<p>At the next stop at Tanjong Pagar station, Ricky decided to alight. He hoped to catch his family on the next train. After several minutes of waiting, the train pulled into the station. Ricky searched around anxiously before thankfully finding his father, who had alighted to look for him as well.</p>	15
<p>Ricky had learnt his lesson to be more careful in the future whenever he was in a crowded place.</p>	
<p><i>Adapted from http://www.webenglishteacher.com</i></p>	

38. Why was Ricky excited? Give two reasons. (2m)

39. Give one word from paragraph 2 which has the same meaning as "with difficulty". Write the word in the box below. (1m)

40. State whether each sentence below is True or False by writing T or F.
Give one reason for your answer based on the passage. (2m)

Sentence	True(T) or False(F)	Reason
i) Ricky's family was travelling to Outram MRT station.		
ii) Ricky was reunited with a family member at Tanjong Pagar MRT station.		

41. Write 1, 2 or 3 in the blanks below to show the order in which the events took place in the passage. (1m)

	The family set off towards Bedok.
	Ricky alighted from the train after just one stop.
	The train pulled into Outram MRT station.

42. What do you think caused Ricky to be separated from his family? (2m)

~ End of Paper ~

EXAM PAPER 2015

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SUBJECT : P3 ENGLISH

TERM : SA2

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
2	3	4	2	1	4	1	1	2	2
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18		
4	3	3	4	4	4	1	1		

19) Hesitantly

20) a)T b)F

21) B 22) C 23) F 24) A

25) smaller 26) tallest 27) best 28) noisier

29) paddling 30) towards 31) shaded 32) singing

33) mind 34) croak

35) Bobby has to finish his homework as he wants to watch his favourite television programme.

36) Muthu chose the blue shirt because it is his favorite colour.

37) When the workers complete the job, they have to be paid.

38) It was Chinese new year again and he would get to visit his relatives while feasting, on delicious meals.

39) Struggled

40) i) False / They were travelling to Bedok.

ii) True / He reunite with his father at the station.

41) 1, 3, 2

42) When the train arrived, Ricky squeezed and managed to get into the carriage while huge amount of passengers were squeezing out of the train. However, he realized that his family could not squeeze through in and thus he was left alone in the carriage, causing him to separate from his family.