



**ROSYTH SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ONE 2016
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2
PRIMARY 3**

Name: _____

Register No. _____

Class: Pr 3- _____

Total duration for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 15 minutes

Date: 9 May 2016

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BOOKLET A

Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 19 questions (Questions 1 to 19) and 7 pages (including this page).
4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your options on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Section A: Grammar (8 marks)

For questions 1 to 8, choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS given. (8 x 1 mark)

1. "Has _____ taken their share of the snacks? I am going to return the extras to the teacher," said my class monitor.

(1) nobody	(2) somebody
(3) anybody	(4) everybody

2. _____ flowers are nicer than the ones in the next stall. Let's buy them," Mei Ling suggested to her mother.

(1) This	(2) That
(3) These	(4) Those

3. One of my books _____ missing yesterday.

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

4. Tom likes to go to the swimming pool by himself, _____ he?

(1) can	(2) does
(3) can't	(4) doesn't

5. "Do you want to know why I'm leaving?" said Alice to Jane. "I'm leaving _____ I'm irritated!"

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| (1) so | (2) although |
| (3) that | (4) because |

6. Sam _____ to the library later to borrow some books for his school project.

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| (1) has gone | (2) is going |
| (3) had gone | (4) was going |

7. The robber jumped _____ the train while it was still moving.

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| (1) at | (2) of |
| (3) off | (4) between |

8. During Job Week, the scouts volunteered to wash the floor and _____ the walls of a nearby old folks home.

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| (1) paint | (2) painted |
| (3) have painted | (4) was painting |

Section B: Vocabulary (6 marks)

For questions 9 to 14, choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS given. (6 x 1 mark)

9. My neighbour screamed out in terror when she saw a python _____ into the grass.

(1) slither	(2) creep
(3) squirm	(4) crawl

10. The _____ quality of this fabric ensures that the clothes do not shrink or lose their colour when washed repeatedly.

(1) best	(2) brilliant
(3) gorgeous	(4) superior

11. You should wash your fruits and vegetables well before eating them to remove any poisonous _____ that may still be on them.

(1) bug	(2) vitamin
(3) virus	(4) pesticide

12. A snake may appear threatening when it _____ its tongue out, but in actual fact, it is only trying to get a better sense of its surroundings by "tasting" the air.

(1) flicks	(2) rolls
(3) lashes	(4) whips

13. Using less water and electricity will help the _____ as well as save your money.

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| (1) house | (2) habitat |
| (3) environment | (4) surrounding |

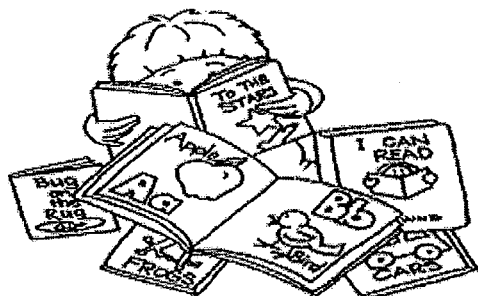
14. In the past, many farmers used animal droppings as _____ to provide extra nutrients for their crops.

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| (1) soil | (2) manure |
| (3) waste | (4) compost |

Section C: Visual Text Comprehension (10 marks)

Study the advertisement carefully and then answer questions 15 to 19.

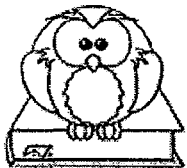
Choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS given. (5 x 2 marks)



LIBRARY WEEK

23 TO 27 MAY 2016

Lots to Do, Lots to Learn!

Day/ Venue	9 am to 11 am	2 pm to 4 pm	Remarks
Monday 23 May (Library)	Book Display & Sale - Check out the latest titles	Be a volunteer - Help to reshelve the books	-
Tuesday 24 May (Art room)	Book Jacket Design Competition	Bookmark Design Competition	Any art material can be used.
Wednesday 25 May (School hall)	Character Parade Contest (Fairy Tales and Nursery Rhymes) (for Pri 1 to 3)	Character Parade Contest (Adventure Stories) (for Pri 4 to 6)	Costumes must be made using recycled materials.
Thursday 26 May (Library and School hall)	Storytelling with Puppets.	Scavenger Hunt	Book vouchers to be won.
Friday 27 May (School hall)		Play <u>Wacky Board Games</u> for hours of fun!	Teams must have four members.

**All activities are for individual participation except Wacky Board Games.*

15. Most of the activities during the Library Week are held in the _____.

- (1) library
- (2) art room
- (3) school hall
- (4) parade square

16. Students can buy books on _____ of the Library Week.

- (1) some days
- (2) all the days
- (3) the last day
- (4) the first day

17. During the Library Week, students can help in the library by _____.

- (1) displaying the books
- (2) reshelving the books
- (3) playing board games
- (4) designing bookmarks

18. Jane loves fairy tales. She has decided to dress up as Snow White for one of the activities. She is likely to be a Primary _____ student.

- (1) 3
- (2) 4
- (3) 5
- (4) 6

19. If you enjoy group activities, you _____.

- (1) must form a group of five
- (2) should be a volunteer at the library
- (3) should go to the school hall on Friday
- (4) may win prizes in the form of book vouchers

*****End of Booklet A*****



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BOOKLET B

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	Maximum	Marks Obtained
Booklet A	24	
Booklet B	26	
Total	50	

Component	Question Numbers	Marks Obtained
Grammar & Vocabulary	1 – 14 20 – 32	
Comprehension Cloze	33 – 35	
Comprehension	15 – 19 36 – 40	
Total		

Section A : Grammar (8 marks)

Passage 1

For questions 20 to 23, read the passage carefully, choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to H) in each blank.

Use EACH OPTION ONCE ONLY. (4 x 1 mark)

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| (A) by | (B) before | (C) for | (D) along |
| (E) in | (F) after | (G) around | (H) between |

Dear Diary,

It has been amazing today! For the first time this year, I reached school (20) _____ all my classmates. I even had the time to get a drink before going to the hall to assemble. The bus driver drove like a Grand Prix competitor. He was going really fast (21) _____ the straight roads and he also made thrilling swerves and turns (22) _____ corners and bends. I wished the ride could go on and on.

During lessons, I was able to answer the teacher's questions and even got to sit (23) _____ my two best pals during groupwork. It was so much fun. I actually enjoyed my day at school today. Hurray!

Love,

Leon

Passage 2

For questions 24 to 27, read the passage carefully. Write the correct form of the verb in each blank. (4 x 1 mark)

It was the last day of vacation, and Heidi could not be happier. "Hurry up, everyone," she (24) _____ (yell). It's a perfect day for whale watching!" Her brother groaned "You are such a weird little kid. Don't you ever (25) _____ (think) about anything else except whales?" "Not if I can help it," Heidi answered cheerfully.

She and her family were finally (26) _____ (go) on a whale-watching boat ride.

While on the boat, Heidi (27) _____ (see) water everywhere. She was straining her eyes to look for whale spouting when suddenly, a shout went up. "Whale ahead!" Heidi gasped. Right in front of her was a huge grey whale, rising out of the water before crashing back into the ocean with an enormous splash.

Adapted from Click, Volume 3, No 8

Section B : Vocabulary (4 marks)

For questions 28 to 31, read the passage carefully, choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to H) in each blank.

Use EACH OPTION ONCE ONLY. (4 x 1 mark)

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| (A) way | (B) enough | (C) view | (D) impossible |
| (E) any | (F) enthusiastically | (G) suddenly | (H) dangerous |

Have you heard of the Galapagos Islands? They were once called the Enchanted Isles. The (28) _____ they appeared and disappeared in the fog made early sailors think the islands might be floating in the air.

Strong ocean currents made sailing near them (29) _____. When sailors did manage to come ashore, they found marvellous plants and animals that lived nowhere else on Earth.

Not many people live on the Galapagos. There is not (30) _____ water for them to drink. As a result, the plants and animals have thrived, undisturbed by humans. Over the years, many scientists from around the world have flocked (31) _____ to the Galapagos to carry out research and learn how the fauna and flora adapt in different environments.

Galapagos means "tortoise" in Spanish. The giant tortoises are probably the most famous animals on the islands. Besides them, the islands are also home to two kinds of lizards that live nowhere else on Earth—the land iguana that feeds on cactus and the marine iguana that loves algae. Indeed, animals on the Galapagos are unlike animals anywhere else on Earth!

Adapted from article in Click, Vol 6, No 4

Section C: Sentence Manipulation (1 x 1 mark)

For question 32, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in ONE sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

32. Mrs Lim was tired. Mrs Lim worked hard.

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Section D: Comprehension Cloze (3 marks)

Read the passage carefully. For questions 33 to 35, fill in each of the blanks with the most suitable word. (3 x 1 mark)

YOU ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO USE ONE WORD FOR EACH BLANK

Hydroponics is the method of growing plants in water. Usually, chemicals are added to help the plants to grow. Instead of using a big piece of land, this type of farming does not use too much (33) _____.

Hydroponic hobby kits have become popular in many homes. With the help of these kits, vegetables like spinach can be harvested after six to eight weeks. Fruits such as watermelon and honeydew need (34) _____ time. They are usually harvested after three to four months.

A hydroponic kit normally takes up no more than one square metre and is best placed in the balcony. Each kit (35) _____ a styrofoam box, sponge pads for holding the plants, a seedling tray, seeds and nutrient solution. The price of a kit ranges from \$36 to \$400.

Section E: Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the following passage carefully. Then write the answers for questions 36 to 40.

A village chief was making his yearly rounds through his village. In Ah Seng's old house, a strange sight caught his attention. He noticed a pig with a wooden leg hobbling about. Curious, the chief asked, "Excuse me, why does that pig have a wooden leg?"

"Oh, it's like this, Sir. Last month, a robber entered my house, tied my family members up and then stole our jewellery. The robber was about to escape when the pig appeared out of nowhere, attacked him and saved my family." 5

"Oh, I see," said the chief in disbelief, "but I still don't understand. Why does the pig have a wooden leg?" 10

"Oh, it's like this Sir. Last week, a fire broke out in my house when my family was watching a movie at the nearby cinema. The pig alerted our neighbours, ran around organising a water bucket system and helped the firemen extinguish the fire."

The village chief was getting quite annoyed. "Listen, Mr Ah Seng, your two stories are very interesting but I still don't understand why the pig has a wooden leg." 15

"Oh, it's like this, Sir." Ah Seng said. "We used to have an old well in our backyard. One day, my little daughter fell down the well. The pig jumped in, saved the girl, covered the well with planks and we never had that trouble again." 20

By then, the chief had lost his patience. "I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND! Why does that pig of yours have a wooden leg?"

Ah Seng appeared absolutely calm. "Well, you know," he said finally, "with a pig that good, my family could not bear to eat it all at one go." 25

Adapted from "The Solid Singapore Jokebook"

36. How often did the village chief make his rounds through the village? (1m)

37. Find a word in paragraph 4 or 5 which has the same meaning as:

- (a) assisted - (1m)
- (b) put out - (1m)
- (c) angry - (1m)

38. Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false in the brackets beside the following sentences about the passage. (3m)

- (a) The village chief found Ah Seng's first two stories boring. ()
- (b) Ah Seng's daughter fell into the well once only. ()
- (c) The robber escaped with all the jewellery. ()

39. Write 1, 2 or 3 to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. (1m)

- (1) The village chief lost his patience with Ah Seng. ()
- (2) A robber entered Ah Seng's house. ()
- (3) A fire broke out in Ah Seng's house. ()

40. What happened to the pig's leg? (2m)

****End of Paper****

ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2016 (P3)

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SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
4	3	3	4	4	2	3	1	1	4
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
4	1	3	2	3	4	2	1	3	B
Q21	Q22	Q23							
D	G	H							

24)yelled 25)think 26)going 27)saw 28)A 29)H

30)B 31)F

32)Mrs Lim worked hard so she was tired.

33)space 34)more 35)has

36)He made rounds through the village yearly.

37)a)helped b)extinguish c)annoyed

38)F , T, F

39)3, 1, 2

40)The pig's leg was eaten by Ah Seng's family.

