



HOUGANG PRIMARY SCHOOL  
FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2009  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PRIMARY 3

BOOKLET A

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (      )

Class: P 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 8 May 2009

Total Time For Booklets A and B: 1 hour 15 minutes

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

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

This booklet consists of 5 printed pages.

Section A (Vocabulary)

For each question from 1 to 6, 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 Optical Answer Sheet. (6 marks)

1. The fisherman had to use all his strength to \_\_\_\_\_ in the net which was full of fish onto this boat.
  - (1) pull
  - (2) grab
  - (3) reel
  - (4) push
  
2. Betty is a very \_\_\_\_\_ person. Although her best friend, Amy betrayed her, Betty did not blame Amy.
  - (1) honest
  - (2) forgetful
  - (3) forgiving
  - (4) humourous
  
3. A modern primary school has at least one computer \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) court
  - (2) library
  - (3) counter
  - (4) laboratory
  
4. Candice ran \_\_\_\_\_ to school as she was late. She was afraid of being questioned by the Discipline Mistress.
  - (1) willingly
  - (2) slowly
  - (3) quickly
  - (4) eagerly

5. The lamp is rather \_\_\_\_\_ as I have seen many similar ones before.

- (1) new
- (2) unique
- (3) strange
- (4) common

6. The frog was \_\_\_\_\_ into the pond when an eagle swooped down.

- (1) leaping
- (2) creeping
- (3) scurrying
- (4) slithering

Section B (Grammar)

For each question from 7 to 16, 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 Optical Answer Sheet. (6 marks)

7. If you \_\_\_\_\_ not know the way, ask a passer-by for directions.

- (1) do
- (2) did
- (3) does
- (4) done

8. **Everyone** \_\_\_\_\_ her as she is very kind and friendly.

- (1) like
- (2) likes
- (3) is liking
- (4) have liked

9. We have to take good care \_\_\_\_\_ our health by exercising regularly.

- (1) of
- (2) at
- (3) on
- (4) with

10. He doesn't have \_\_\_\_\_ money **left to spend** this month.

- (1) many
- (2) much
- (3) a few
- (4) a little

11. Neither my brother nor my sister \_\_\_\_\_ orange juice.

- (1) drink
- (2) drinks
- (3) drinking
- (4) were drinking

12. This bag belongs to my sister, Janet. It is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) his
- (2) hers
- (3) ours
- (4) theirs

Section C (Comprehension MCQ)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 13 to 17.

Until today, I still am afraid of water. I dare not go into a pool or play in the sea. This is because something terrible happened two years ago.

My uncle and aunt took my cousin, Leo and me for a picnic by the sea when I was in Primary Two. I could not swim, so I played on the beach.

Suddenly, Leo said to me, "Come on. I'll teach you how to swim. I'm a good swimmer."

Leo liked to play pranks on people. I did not know he had a trick up his sleeves and followed him into the water. Suddenly, he pushed my head under the water. I struggled to get up. He laughed without giving me any help.

Luckily, Uncle noticed that something was not right when he saw my head under water. He was furious with Leo and smacked him hard. Then he pulled me out of the water. I was crying. From that day onwards, I became terrified. I do not want to go near the sea again.

For each question from 13 to 17, 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 Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

13. How many people went on the picnic?

- (1) Two.
- (2) Three.
- (3) Four.

(4) Five.

14. Which level is the author in now?

(1) Primary One.

(2) Primary Two.

(3) Primary Three.

(4) Primary Four.

15. Why do you think the writer followed Leo into the water?

(1) The writer thought that Leo wanted to play with him.

(2) The writer thought that Leo wanted to show him a trick.

(3) The writer thought that Leo wanted to have fun with him.

(4) The writer thought that Leo wanted to teach him how to swim.

16. The writer's uncle was very angry with Leo. How did he show this?

(1) He smacked Leo hard.

(2) He scolded Leo furiously.

(3) He sensed something was wrong.

(4) He pulled the author out of the water.

17. In the last paragraph, which word tells us that the writer was afraid of being near water.

(1) furious

(2) luckily

(3) terrified

(4) noticed

**END OF BOOKLET A**



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BOOKLET B

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	Max. Marks	Marks Obtained
Booklet B	26	
Booklet A	22	
Overall Total	48	
Parent's Signature		

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Section D (Vocabulary Cloze)

Read the following passage carefully. There are 8 blanks, numbered 18 to 25, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to M) in the blank. The letter (I) has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (8 marks)

**USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY**

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|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| <del>(A) one</del>  | (B) last               | (C) present          | <del>(D) participants</del> |
| (E) swim            | <del>(F) prepare</del> | (G) events           | (H) first                   |
| <del>(J) hard</del> | <del>(K) ancient</del> | <del>(L) years</del> | (M) new                     |

The Youth Olympics will be held in Singapore for the first time next year, 2010. However, the idea of the Olympic games was born in (18) \_\_\_\_\_ Greece nearly three thousand years ago.

The Olympic Games was held every four years. The Games attracted many (19) \_\_\_\_\_ who were eager to compete in their best sporting events. The participants trained (20) \_\_\_\_\_ for the Olympic Games. Only (21) \_\_\_\_\_ event was held in the first Olympic Games. It was a race over a distance of one hundred and eighty metres. Later, (22) \_\_\_\_\_ events such as long jump, chariot racing and water events like swimming were introduced. The ancient Olympics lasted for more than a thousand (23) \_\_\_\_\_

Let's hope that the Youth Olympics could also (24) \_\_\_\_\_ just as long if not longer. It is a good way to (25) \_\_\_\_\_ the youth to take part in the Olympics when they reached adulthood. It is a good experience and training ground to prepare the youth early for the real Olympic games.

Section E (Grammar Cloze)

Read the following passages carefully. There are 8 blanks, numbered 26 to 33, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to P) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (8 marks)

Passage A

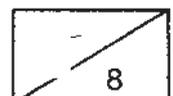
(A) between	(B) from	(C) at	(D) when
(E) to	(F) of	(G) so	

Weijie painted a picture of a parrot in his garden. He looked lovingly (26) \_\_\_\_\_ his masterpiece. He had eagerly painted every detail (27) \_\_\_\_\_ the parrot. He showed his painting (28) \_\_\_\_\_ his teacher quickly. However, (29) \_\_\_\_\_ his classmates saw his painting, they laughed loudly. They started to tease Weijie about his painting.

Passage B

(H) was watering	(J) watered	(K) water	(L) waters
(M) has watered	(N) watering	(P) will water	

Mrs Tan liked to water the green plants in her garden. She (30) \_\_\_\_\_ them twice a day. One day, while she (31) \_\_\_\_\_ the plants with a hose, her friend saw her. She advised Mrs Tan to use a watering-can instead in order not to waste (32) \_\_\_\_\_. Mrs Tan took her advice. Some of her neighbours have followed her example and have stopped (33) \_\_\_\_\_ their plants with a hose. Mrs Tan and her friend have helped the neighbourhood to save water for the country.



Section F (Comprehension- Open Ended)

Read the following passage carefully and answer questions 34 to 38.

(10 marks)

Charlie was a friendly dog who lived with his owners in the countryside. He had brown and white fur and long shaggy ears. (Every morning, Charlie would walk to the farm nearby to visit his friends.)

One summer morning, Charlie's owners led him to the car instead of letting him go on his usual walk. Charlie was quite happy as he enjoyed car rides. (His owners frequently took him for rides through the countryside.) Charlie particularly enjoyed looking out of the car windows.

As Charlie climbed into the car this time, he felt that something was different. (Many large boxes were packed in the car.) To his surprise, (he spotted his own belongings packed in one of the boxes.) He gave a bark of astonishment.

"What is going on?" Charlie said to himself feeling puzzled. "What is happening?" Moments later, they drove away from his home. Charlie watched his home sadly as it grew smaller and smaller in the distance.

**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

34. **Where** did Charlie live?

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35. **What** did Charlie usually do in the mornings?

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36. **How** did Charlie feel one summer morning when his owners led him to the car? Why?

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37. **Why** do you think Charlie felt that something was different when he got into the car?

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38. **Which word** in the last paragraph tells us that Charlie was confused and not sure about why he was being driven away from home?

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**END OF BOOKLET B**

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### Booklet A :

(01) 1	(02) 3	(03) 4	(04) 3	(05) 4
(06) 1	(07) 1	(08) 2	(09) 1	(10) 2
(11) 2	(12) 2	(13) 3	(14) 4	(15) 4
(16) 1	(17) 3			

### Booklet B :

(18) K- ancient	(19) D - participants	(20) J - hard	(21) A - one
(22) M - new	(23) L - years	(24) B - last	(25) F - prepare
(26) C - at	(27) F - of	(28) E - to	(29) D - when
(30) L -wants	(31) H - was watering	(32) K - water	(33) N - watering

- (34) Charlie lived in a countryside.
- (35) Charlie usually walked to the farm to visit his friends in the morning.
- (36) Charlie felt happy. He enjoyed car rides.
- (37) There were many large boxes packed in the car and he spotted his belonging packed in one of the boxes.
- (38) The word is "puzzled".

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