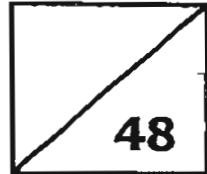




ROSYTH SCHOOL
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 3

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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	14	
Vocabulary	14	
Comprehension Cloze	5	
Comprehension (MCQ) & (OE)	15	
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. "I need to mark _____ books on the shelf. Could you please bring them to me, Rahim?" asked Mrs Singh.
- (1) this (2) these
(3) that (4) those ()
2. Salmah woke up late _____ she rushed to school without eating her breakfast.
- (1) so (2) as
(3) when (4) because ()
3. Ravi and his sister _____ to the nearby public pool for their swimming lesson every weekend.
- (1) go (2) goes
(3) are going (4) have gone ()
4. Steven and his friend were walking home when he spotted a stray kitten in a drain. Immediately, _____ felt sorry for the kitten which was mewing softly.
- (1) he (2) it
(3) she (4) they ()
5. The children enjoyed _____ in their tents during their camping trip last year.
- (1) sleep (2) slept
(3) sleeps (4) sleeping ()

6. " _____ can leave the classroom without the teacher's permission," the prefect reminded the students.

(1) Nobody

(2) Anybody

(3) Somebody

(4) Everybody

()

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) over
(D) through

(B) at
(E) on

(C) near
(F) against

Hey did you hear,

About the cow that jumped (7) _____ the moon?

Oh yes, she did!

The little dog heard,

The fork telling the spoon.

So he leaned (8) _____ the wall,

And looked (9) _____ the moon.

However, the cow was nowhere to be found,

Because she was (10) _____ the other side of the moon.

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

Dear Mrs Witch,

I am writing to tell you how terrible I feel. You turned me into a frog just because I

(11) _____ (say) the wart on your nose was ugly. I

(12) _____ (be) sorry for my heartless comment. Please forgive me.

If you (13) _____ (change) me back into a prince, I promise that I

will never say an unkind word again. Please believe me. My good friend, Prince Leonard,

will be able to (14) _____ (testify) that I am telling you the truth.

Best wishes,

Prince Rinaldo

*Adapted from
Funny Bone Books
Grammar Cop*

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 judge found Angie _____ of shoplifting and sentenced her to jail.
(1) evil (2) guilty
(3) wicked (4) innocent ()
16. Benny _____ and knitted his eyebrows in frustration when he could not solve the word problem.
(1) cheered (2) smiled
(3) grinned (4) frowned ()
17. Sam and Anna ate their lunch _____ as they were late for school.
(1) slowly (2) quickly
(3) hungrily (4) excitedly ()
18. Charlie was disgusted by the _____ that he had on his face. The lump seemed to have grown over the years.
(1) cut (2) wart
(3) bruise (4) graze ()
19. The couple threw a wedding _____ for their guests at a famous restaurant.
(1) diet (2) meal
(3) feast (4) snack ()
20. The farmer dug up the earth in the vegetable plot with a _____.
(1) hose (2) rake
(3) shovel (4) broom ()

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) luckily	(B) looking	(C) piece	(D) angered
(E) other	(F) strong	(G) greeted	(H) bent
(J) seeing	(K) amused	(L) weak	(M) rope

One day, Mousedeer went for a walk along the bank of a river. He saw Crocodile in the water and (21)_____ him, "Good morning, Mr Crocodile. I hope you are well this morning."

When Crocodile heard that, he tried to snap at Mousedeer. (22)_____, Mousedeer was not near him. "It would be a good morning if I could have you for breakfast," he replied.

Mousedeer laughed, "My dear friend, you are too (23)_____ to catch me. You do not know how strong I am." Crocodile was (24)_____ by what he had just heard. When he laughed, Mousedeer said angrily, "Do not laugh! You shall see for yourself."

Mousedeer got a (25)_____ of rope. He instructed Crocodile to take one end while he took the (26)_____. He said, "You can eat me if you can pull me into the water."

When Crocodile was not (27)_____, Mousedeer tied his end of the rope to a big branch at the top of a tree. Then he sat behind the tree. In no time, Crocodile was pulling the rope as hard as he could.

The tree (28)_____ a little towards the river when he pulled it. When he stopped to take a breath, the tree became straight again. As the tree straightened, the rope pulled Crocodile with it. He grew afraid as he thought Mousedeer was pulling him out of the river.

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)

Mr Lee is a security guard. He has been working in our school (29) _____ the last thirty years. He is very hardworking. He is the first person to come to school and the (30) _____ to leave in the evening.

Due to his (31) _____ age, Mr Lee will retire at the end of the year. All of us are sad to see him leave. We will miss him dearly (32) _____ we have known him since we were in Primary One. We plan to hold a farewell (33) _____ on the last day of school to say our good-byes.

We will always remember Mr Lee.

Section D: Comprehension (MCQ) (5 marks)

Read the following passage carefully.

Once upon a time, there was a young man called Hassan who went out into the world to seek his fortune. He had not gone far when he met a rich and friendly man. "What are you up to, young fellow?" asked the man.

"I'm out to seek my fortune wherever it takes me," replied the Hassan.

"Well, then," said the man, "you have come to the right person. I need someone like you. I'll pay you good wages too: one bag of gold coins the first year, two bags the second and three the third. However, you must promise to stay on the job for three years and you must do everything I ask, no matter how unpleasant you find it. If you don't, you will not earn a single cent for all your pain and hard work."

Claiming that he was not afraid of hard work and nothing would be too painful for him, he agreed and followed the man home. It was in a small village in the middle of a wild forest. The man was strange too. He was actually a powerful troll in disguise. He had enormous power over both villagers and animals. It was too late for Hassan to worry about the company he was with. He decided to work hard instead.

"You must first feed all my animals in one day," ordered the troll. To Hassan's horror, there were many tunnels filled with bears, wolves and cheetahs hungry enough to eat him alive. He worked diligently and by night, the task was done. The troll was impressed and thought Hassan deserve a good supper and a good night's rest.

"The animals need not be fed tomorrow because you did well today. There's no need to spoil them. You may do as you please until it's time to feed them again," said the troll. Hassan was delighted.

However, just as he was about to leave, the troll caught him by the collar and cried, "Mumble, jumble, turn and tumble. Be a hare and do not fumble!"

(Adapted from a Danish folktale)

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

34. What did the rich man look for in a worker?

He must _____.

- (1) be young
- (2) be seeking a fortune
- (3) travel wherever it took him
- (4) do everything asked of him

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35. What does the phrase 'the company' in line 14 refer to?

It refers to the _____.

- (1) troll
- (2) house
- (3) animals
- (4) villagers

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36. Why was Hassan's job dangerous?

- (1) He must work for three years.
- (2) It must be completed in one day.
- (3) He could be eaten by wild animals.
- (4) There were many underground tunnels.

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37. How was Hassan rewarded for his hard work?

He _____.

- (1) received good wages
- (2) could do as he pleased
- (3) deserved a good supper
- (4) was given a good night's rest

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38. What happened to Hassan in the end?

He was _____.

- (1) killed
- (2) turned into a hare
- (3) caught and imprisoned
- (4) eaten by the wild animals

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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 long time ago, animals on earth looked very different from how they look today.

"Look at my slim body!" said the hippopotamus to his friends.

"My gleaming ivory teeth are the most perfect in the world," the elephant trumpeted proudly.

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The other animals were annoyed at their vanity and ignored them. One day, a red dragon flew down from the sky shouting, "The world is going to end! The world is going to end!"

The animals did not believe him because the last time when the chicken said the sky was falling, everyone ran for cover but nothing happened.

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"It's for real this time. A wizard told me!" yelled the red dragon. "Climb onto my back now."

Upon hearing that, the animals rushed to get onto the dragon's back. He could not take off easily but after flapping his wings several times, he finally managed to fly.

Soon, the animals began to feel uncomfortable and started pushing each other because they were tightly squeezed on the dragon's back. He had to flap his wings harder to keep his balance. Eventually, the red dragon could not flap his wings any more and started to fall out of the sky.

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The animals landed on the ground with a mighty thud. The hippopotamus kept rolling over the hillside until he finally splashed into a waterhole. He had become so round and fat that he refused to come out of the water. The elephant broke all his teeth except for two that were stuck in the ground. When he tried to pull them out, they stretched into the two long tusks that he has today.

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That was how all the animals changed into how they look today.

(Adapted from The Red Dragon. Retold by Agor)

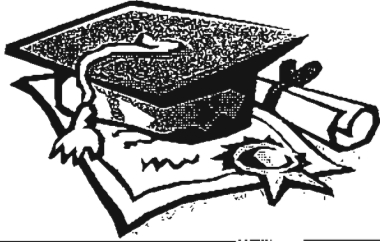
39. Which animals were proud of how they looked?

40. What word in the passage has the same meaning as 'boasted'?

41. Why did the red dragon have difficulty taking off from the ground?

42. How did the elephant get his two long tusks?

43. Which phrase in the ^{2nd} last paragraph shows that the hippopotamus was embarrassed about his size?

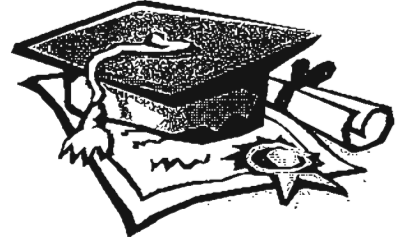


ANSWER SHEET

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
4	1	1	1	4	1	A	F	B	E

11)said 12)am 13)change 14)testify

Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28
2	4	2	2	3	3	G	A	L	K	C	E	B	H

29)for 30)last 31)old 32)as/because 33)party

34)4 35)1 36)3 37)2 38)2

39)The animal is hippopotamus and elephant.

40)The word is "trumpeted".

41)The animals were too heavy.

42)He got the two long tusks when he stretched them.

43)The phrase is 'refused to come out of the water.'