

**SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2 / 2016**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2**

**PRIMARY 3**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ (   )

Mark: \_\_\_\_\_ / 14

Class : Primary 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Date : 26 October 2016

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Booklet A**

Duration of Paper (Booklet A and B) : 1 h 15 min

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

1. Do not turn over this paper until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 14 questions (Questions 1 to 14).
4. Shade your answer in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.
5. Answer all questions.

**Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (6 x 1 mark)**

**For each question from 9 to 14, 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.**

9. Mrs Lim noticed Tom taking a \_\_\_\_\_ at his classmate's answers during the spelling test. He was reprimanded by her.

(1) peek  
(2) scan  
(3) blink  
(4) glare

( )

10. Mr and Mrs Tan \_\_\_\_\_ to each other so that they did not disturb their sleeping baby.

(1) grunted  
(2) hollered  
(3) chattered  
(4) whispered

( )

11. The \_\_\_\_\_ witch was planning to cast an evil spell on the good people in the village.

(1) kind  
(2) rude  
(3) wicked  
(4) pleasant

( )

12. If we see anything \_\_\_\_\_ in public places, we must report it to the police immediately.

(1) ordinary  
(2) beautiful  
(3) surprising  
(4) suspicious

( )

13. Thick, black smoke coming out of the factory chimneys is poisonous and \_\_\_\_\_ the air.

(1) clears

(2) stains

(3) pollutes

(4) thickens

( )

14. The dancer practised hard for her performance. She moved \_\_\_\_\_ on the stage.

(1) wisely

(2) blindly

(3) bravely

(4) gracefully

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Name : \_\_\_\_\_ (   )

Mark: \_\_\_\_\_ / 36

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**Booklet B**

Duration of Paper (Booklet A and B) : 1 h 15 min

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

6. Do not turn over this paper until you are told to do so.
7. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
8. This booklet consists of 30 questions (Questions 15 to 42).
9. Write your answers in this booklet.
10. Answer all questions.

	Mark Obtained	Maximum Mark
Booklet A		14
Booklet B		36
Total		50

**Section C: Comprehension 1 (8 marks)**

**Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

One night, while watching her favourite cartoon show on television, Mikayla fell asleep on the sofa. Her father Mr Bert, scooped her up into his arms. Her mother led the way to Mikayla's bedroom. They put her on the bed. Then, they tiptoed out of the room quietly.

It was 11.30pm when the peaceful night was broken by Mikayla's piercing screams. Mr Bert woke up in shock! He dashed into Mikayla's bedroom. He discovered a puncture wound on his daughter's left hand, and another on her elbow.

"Snakes! Mikayla has been bitten by a snake!" he exclaimed. "Stay at home to find the snake!" he instructed Mrs Bert. Hands trembling, he bundled Mikayla into his car. Then, he drove as fast as he could to the nearest hospital.

After a while, a call came from Mrs Bert. She had found a metre-long cobra! It was behind the bedroom cupboard. The cobra was one of the most dangerous snakes in the world.

At the hospital, the doctors placed an oxygen mask over Mikayla's pale face to help her breathe. They injected her with many types of medication. By morning, Mikayla was gasping for air. The poison had started to spread all over her body.

*Adapted from: "It's A Cobra!" Reader's Digest, July 2016*

15. At the beginning of the passage, why did Mr Bert scoop Mikayla into his arms? Tick the correct answer. (1m)

<input type="checkbox"/>	She was bored.
<input type="checkbox"/>	He wanted to put her in her bed.
<input type="checkbox"/>	She was watching her favourite cartoon.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs Bert asked him to put Mikayla to sleep.

16. What did Mikayla do when she was bitten by the snake? (1m)

She \_\_\_\_\_

17. Why were Mr Bert's hands trembling when he carried Mikayla into the car? (1m)

He was feeling \_\_\_\_\_

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

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19. Write T for True and F for False in each box if you agree or disagree with each of the following statements (a) and (b). (2m)

Statement	T or F
(a) Mr Bert found the cobra.	
(b) Mikayla was gasping for air at the hospital because the doctors had put an oxygen mask over her face.	

20. Based on the passage, arrange the following statements in the correct order of sequence by writing 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the boxes provided. (2m)

Mikayla was brought to the hospital.	
Mrs Bert called her husband after finding the cobra.	
Mikayla screamed loudly late into the night.	
Mr Bert realised that Mikayla was bitten by a snake.	

**Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)**

**Read the passage below carefully. Choose the correct answer from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. USE EACH ANSWER ONCE ONLY.**

(A) a	(B) an	(C) little
(D) the	(E) some	(F) few

It was Raju's first night alone at home. His parents were away on  
(21) \_\_\_\_\_ long holiday in Switzerland.

While he was doing his work, he heard a loud crash. It came from  
(22) \_\_\_\_\_ kitchen.

Although he was a (23) \_\_\_\_\_ nervous, he tiptoed to the kitchen.

Raju saw a (24) \_\_\_\_\_ broken plates on the floor.

What he saw next made him laugh. His cat, Furry, was responsible for  
terrifying him!

*Teacher's own*



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

Once, Singapore was a fishing village.

Many stilt houses were built (25) [ under , over ] water. The people earned their livelihood by fishing. They travelled (26) [ around , through ] the island in little wooden boats called 'sampans'.

The Merlion that you see (27) [ at , by ] Sentosa was created to represent our country.

Singapore's national language is Malay. Did you know that the national anthem (28) [ of , off ] Singapore is in Malay too? It was by Zubir Said, in the year 1958.

*Adapted from <http://www.livinginsingapore.org/singapore-facts-for-kids/>*

**Section E: Comprehension Cloze (6 x 1 mark)**  
**Fill in the blanks with the most suitable word.**

The canteen was bustling.

Pupils were talking loudly as they queued (29) \_\_\_\_\_ food.

There were five stalls in the canteen selling (30) \_\_\_\_\_ types of delicious snacks. As usual, there was a long (31) \_\_\_\_\_ of pupils at the chicken rice stall.

Aliff looked around miserably. In his hands was a dollar. He wanted to (32) \_\_\_\_\_ two plates of chicken rice as he was famished that day. However, he did not have (33) \_\_\_\_\_ money for it. Although his stomach was rumbling he (34) \_\_\_\_\_ to just eat one plate of chicken rice. He wished he had more money on him.

*Teacher's own*

**Section F: Sentence Combining (3 x 2 marks)**

**Combine each pair of sentences to make one sentence using the word(s) given. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the sentences given.**

35. No one answered the door. The salesman left.

\_\_\_\_\_ so

\_\_\_\_\_

36. I wanted to eat some ice-cream. There was none left in the freezer.

\_\_\_\_\_ but

\_\_\_\_\_

37. All the passengers became nervous. The train suddenly stopped in the tunnel.

When \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Section G: Comprehension 2 (8 marks)**

**Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

There once lived a king who was very bored. So, he decided to hold a contest. He wanted to amuse himself. Messengers were sent to all the villages in his kingdom.

They shouted, "The king will give a golden apple to the person who can tell the biggest lie!"

Soon, people from everywhere arrived. They shared their silly stories. A fisherman said that he spent a year living underwater! A young woman said she had ninety-five children! The king enjoyed these stories. However, he did not think that any story stood out from the others.

One day, an old woman appeared before the king. She was carrying a large pot. The king looked at her strangely and asked, "Do you need that pot to tell your story?"

"Oh no, your Majesty. I need it to collect the gold jewellery you borrowed from me. I lent it to you two months ago," she replied.

"I owe you a pot full of gold jewellery? Have you lost your mind?" exclaimed the confused king. He thought for a long time and continued, "Liar! I have never heard a bigger lie than yours!"

The old woman smiled.

*Adapted from "Stories in My Pocket"*

38. Why did the king decide to hold the contest? (1m)

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39. Which word in paragraph 3 has the same meaning as 'ridiculous'? (2m)

40. Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false. Then, give one reason why you think so. (2m)

	True/ False	Reason
The king was bored by the stories that the people in his kingdom shared.		
The old woman brought a large pot to collect the gold jewellery that the king owed her.		

41. Why was the king confused in paragraph 6? Put a tick in the box that states the reason. (1m)

	He was not sure if he enjoyed her story.
	He was not sure why the woman carried a pot with her.
	He was not sure if he had borrowed jewellery from the old woman.

42. Why did the old woman smile at the end of the story? (2m)

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# ANSWER SHEET

**EXAM PAPER 2016 (P3)**

**SCHOOL : RIVER VALLEY**

**SUBJECT : ENGLISH**

**TERM : SA2**

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

15)He wanted to put her in her bed

16)She let out piercing scream.

17)He was feeling worried.

18)piercing

19)a)F b)F

20)3, 4, 1, 2

21)A 22)D 23)C 24)F 25)over 26)around

27)at 28)of 29)for 30)different 31)queue 32)buy

33)enough 34)decided

35)No one answered the door so the salesman left.

36)I wanted to eat some ice-cream but there was none left in the freezer.

**37)When the train suddenly stopped in the tunnel, all the passengers became nervous.**

**38)He was bored.**

**39)Silly**

**40)False / The king did not think that any story stood out from the others.**

**False / The old women wanted to trick or lie to the king.**

**41)He was not sure if he had borrowed jewellery from the old women.**

**42)She knew that she had told the biggest lie and was getting a golden apple.**