

**SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT TWO 2016**  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**  
**PAPER 2**  
**PRIMARY 3**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Register No. \_\_\_\_\_

Class: Pr 3- \_\_\_\_\_

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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. "Helen, this cupcake is delicious! Did you bake it \_\_\_\_\_?" asked Jolyn.

(1) herself	(2) yourself
(3) yourselves	(4) ourselves

2. "I cannot open the door even though \_\_\_\_\_ is blocking it," said Susan.

(1) nothing	(2) anything
(3) something	(4) everything

3. The sheep \_\_\_\_\_ grazing in the field when the dog chased them.

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

4. Jeremy prefers to spend more time at the playground, \_\_\_\_\_ he?

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

5. My brother and I are looking forward to our trip to Universal Studios this weekend. \_\_\_\_\_ cannot wait to ride on the roller coaster.

(1) I

(2) He

(3) We

(4) They

6. "Please add \_\_\_\_\_ salt to the soup as it is tasteless," Mother told Eunice.

(1) little

(2) a few

(3) much

(4) some

7. I \_\_\_\_\_ on the pavement when I heard the loud sound of a car crashing into another.

(1) walked

(2) was walking

(3) were walking

(4) have been walking

8. Mdm Siti and her sons cleaned up all the rooms before \_\_\_\_\_ the walls of their new apartment.

(1) paint

(2) painting

(3) painted

(4) were 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. Dennis and his classmates ate their snacks \_\_\_\_\_ as they did not want to be late for the computer lessons.

(1) slowly  
(3) hungrily

(2) quickly  
(4) excitedly

10. "They \_\_\_\_\_ the football match because of the heavy rain," said Mrs Tan.

(1) put off  
(3) put out

(2) put on  
(4) put away

11. The villagers were told to \_\_\_\_\_ from their homes before the flood could cause any danger to their lives.

(1) vacate  
(3) abandon

(2) evacuate  
(4) disappear

12. Joseph has a \_\_\_\_\_ of watches bought over the years, displayed neatly in his cupboard.

(1) stack  
(3) collection

(2) bundle  
(4) compilation

13. Lyn danced beautifully at the school concert last Thursday. She was \_\_\_\_\_.

(1) as swift as an arrow

(2) as fit as a fiddle

(3) as graceful as a swan

(4) as busy as a bee

14. The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ the student severely for not helping his friend when he fell down.

(1) advised

(2) reminded

(3) questioned

(4) reprimanded

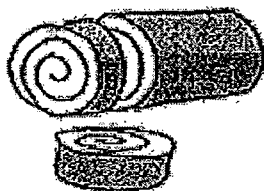
**Section C: Visual Text Comprehension (10 marks)**

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

## SONG SONG MARKET

We are celebrating our 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There will be great offers & bargains on  
**ALL Groceries at our outlets!!!**  
(From 15 Nov to 31 Dec 2016)

**LOONEY ROLL**  
@ \$2.60  
Buy one,  
get one FREE



**SPARKLE**  
Lemon- flavoured  
mineral water @  
\$1.60 each



### FRESH FOOD SECTION

25% discount on fruits and  
vegetables.  
(Free recycled bags for you,  
hurry while stock lasts!)

**JUICY COLA @ \$10.80**  
24 X 330 ml

- *FREE 1.5l bottle of Juicy Cola with every carton purchased*
- *Free Juicy Cola sports bag with a minimum purchase of \$50.*
- *Till 15 Dec 2016*

### LUCKY DRAW COUPONS!

Every \$20 worth of purchases at any SONG SONG MARKET outlet entitles you to a lucky draw coupon.

Some attractive prizes to be won are: a trip for two to Gold Coast, Australia, laser disc player, hi-fi set, washing machine and more!

Hurry! The more you spend, the greater the chances of winning!

**CLOSING DATE: 1 Dec 2016**

**Song Song Market Outlets:**

Ang Mo Keng (64596212)  
Woodsville (62623111)

Pasir Ree (67600090)  
Toh Payoh (62593763)

For each question 15 to 19, 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 OAS. (5 x 2 marks)

15. According to the advertisement, Song Song Market has been opened for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

- (1) one
- (2) five
- (3) two
- (4) three

16. The main purpose of the advertisement is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) give a discount on fruits
- (2) give away lucky draw coupons
- (3) encourage the use of recycled bags
- (4) promote the great offers and bargains on all groceries

17. To get a free sports bag, which item do you need to buy more of?

- (1) Fresh Food
- (2) Looney Rolls
- (3) Bottles of Juicy Cola
- (4) Cans of Sparkle Mineral Water

18. Mrs Chen wants to take part in the lucky draw at Song Song Market. To get coupons, she needs to buy things from them by \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) 1 December 2016
- (2) 15 November 2016
- (3) 15 December 2016
- (4) 31 December 2016

19. Which one of the following statements is true?

- (1) Cans of Sparkle Mineral Water are sold at \$2.60.
- (2) There is a 25% discount on fruits and vegetables.
- (3) Every customer to the supermarket is given a free bottle of Juicy Cola.
- (4) Customers are entitled to \$20 worth of lucky draw coupons for every purchase.





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**BOOKLET B**

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3. This booklet consists of 21 questions (Questions 20 to 40) and 7 pages (including this page).

	Maximum	Marks Obtained
<b>Booklet A</b>	<b>24</b>	
<b>Booklet B</b>	<b>26</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	

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)**

- |           |           |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| (A) about | (B) along | (C) among | (D) at    |
| (E) of    | (F) since | (G) under | (H) while |

It was 8 am on a Sunday morning. (20) \_\_\_\_\_ many people were still in bed, Jack Lim, a student, was already up and about, helping to pick up litter (21) \_\_\_\_\_ the Kovan Market and Food Centre.

For nearly two hours, participants of the "Operation We Clean Up" campaign cleared litter (22) \_\_\_\_\_ walkways, park corridors and drains as well. The litter collected was later sorted out and recyclable materials were sent for recycling.

"Keeping the neighbourhood clean is a good way to spend my weekends meaningfully instead of lazing (23) \_\_\_\_\_ at home," said Jack. "Everyone has a part to play in keeping the environment a conducive place to live in and it should not be just the cleaners' job to do so."

Adapted from Our Home (May/June 2016 issue)

## 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)

After weeks of studying and revision, Vani finally (24) \_\_\_\_\_ (pass) her examinations with flying colours. As a reward, her parents were taking her to Malaysia for a holiday. It (25) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) going to be her first trip out of the country.

"Yippeel! Will we be going to the Lego Land?" asked Vani excitedly. "What about the Sunway Lagoon to (26) \_\_\_\_\_ (see) different species of animals from around the world?" Vani became more and more excited and continued to ask one question after another.

"Wait a minute, please. One question at a time, Vani!" her mother exclaimed while (27) \_\_\_\_\_ (laugh) at her daughter's excitement.

"Oh, I can't wait for school to end!" screamed Vani. "I'm going to pack my bags now, Mummy!" Her mother could only shake her head in amazement as Vani rushed towards her room.

**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)

- |               |               |               |              |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| ( A ) sank    | ( B ) amazed  | ( C ) answers | ( D ) likely |
| ( E ) replies | ( F ) drowned | ( G ) curious | ( H ) new    |

Have you ever wondered how the sea water became salty? This question was once a mystery. Over the years, of course, some very strange (28) \_\_\_\_\_ have been created for this question.

According to one old tale, a magic salt grinding machine was stolen from its owner by some thieves. The thieves then took it with them on a ship. One of the thieves was (29) \_\_\_\_\_ to see how the machine worked. He turned it on without first finding out what the magic words were to get it to stop. As a result, it kept on making salt until the ship was so full that it finally (30) \_\_\_\_\_. Everyone and everything, including the salt grinding machine, were lost at sea. Although that machine is at the bottom of the sea, it nevertheless continues to make salt. That is why sea water is salty. Do you believe this old tale?

A more (31) \_\_\_\_\_ explanation is that the salt is washed into the sea by rivers. This process starts when rain falls onto the land. The rainwater picks up small amounts of salt and other minerals from the soil and as the water makes its way back to the sea, the salt is carried along with the river. After millions of years, these tiny amounts of salt in rivers are enough to make the sea salty. Isn't nature amazing?

Adapted from 'The Salty Sea' Breakaway Comprehension Series

**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. The principal praised our monitress. Our monitress had found a wallet and returned it to the office.

\_\_\_\_\_ because  
\_\_\_\_\_

**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**

**How To Wash A Dog**

Things you will need:

- shampoo
- a large pail
- lots of warm water
- a clean towel to dry the dog

What to do:

1. (33) \_\_\_\_\_ the pail with warm water.
2. Wet the dog all over. Keep the dog calm by (34) \_\_\_\_\_ gently to it about what you are doing.
3. Pour some shampoo into your hand and gently rub it onto the dog. Make sure you cover all (35) \_\_\_\_\_ of the dog.
4. Rinse thoroughly with water to get rid of soap suds.
5. Dry the dog with a clean towel.

**Section E: Comprehension (10 marks)**

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

Christopher heard a loud roar. He realised that there was a waterfall just ahead. He scanned the riverbank. Tall, jagged rocks lined both sides of the river. Though young and inexperienced, he knew that it would be impossible to land the raft on those rocks. What was really worrying was that they were getting dangerously close to the waterfall which would lead to a steep drop into the lower parts of the river. Suddenly, he spotted a large tree with branches that extended over the river. 5

"Look!" shouted Christopher. "Up there! If we can get to that tree, we can grab onto the branches and climb out of the river."

"It's worth a shot," Uncle Nathan said. "Good plan." Christopher and his sister, Sarah, began paddling hard. Uncle Nathan expertly steered the raft towards the tree. They were moving fast. 10

"Here we go!" Uncle Nathan shouted. "Get ready to grab the tree and hang on tight!" The two children dropped their paddles in the raft and got ready. Thud! The raft slammed hard into the tree and stopped. They wrapped their arms around one of the tree's thick branches. 15

"Climb out!" shouted Uncle Nathan. "Forget the raft and hurry!" Christopher and Sarah struggled to pull themselves safely onto the tree. Then Uncle Nathan leapt onto the tree as well. Just as his feet left the raft, it slid away and disappeared over the waterfall. The three of them then scrambled off the tree and onto dry land. They lay on the shore, gasping for breath. 20

Suddenly, Christopher sat up quickly. "What about the keys? They were in the backpack!" Uncle Nathan also sat up and reached into his life jacket pocket. He pulled out the truck keys and shook them in his fingers. 25

"I took them out of my backpack this morning," he said. "I had a feeling I'd want to have them with me."

Adapted from 'Whitewater Courage' by Jake Maddox

36. What made the loud sound that Christopher heard? (1m)

37. Find a word in paragraph 1 which has the same meaning as:

(a) looked around -  (1m)

(b) rough and uneven -  (1m)

38. Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false in the brackets beside the following sentences about the passage. (4m)

(a) Sarah suggested grabbing the tree branch to save themselves. ( )

(b) Uncle Nathan climbed onto the tree only after the children had done so. ( )

(c) Uncle Nathan and the children got back on the raft in the end. ( )

(d) Uncle Nathan had the truck keys with him after leaving the raft. ( )

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

(1) The raft crashed into the tree. ( )

(2) One of them saw the large tree. ( )

(3) The children let go of their paddles. ( )

40. In lines 21-22, why were the three of them gasping for breath when they lay on the shore? (2m)

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# ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2016 (P3)

SCHOOL : ROSYTH

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA2

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

24)passed      25)was      26)see      27)laughing      28)C

29)G      30)A      31)D

32)The principal praised our monitress because she had found a wallet and return it to the office.

33)Fill      34)talking      35)parts      36)The waterfall

37)a)scanned    b)jagged      38)a)F    b)T    c)F    d)T

39)3, 1, 2

40)They were exhausted from scrambled off the raft to get safely onto dry land.

