

**2017 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION ONE  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PRIMARY THREE**

PART I	14
PART II	36
TOTAL	50

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Duration of Paper: 1 h 15 min,

**PART I**

**Section A: Vocabulary (6 x 1 mark)**

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.  
Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

1. Jane is always \_\_\_\_\_ to her friends and teachers because she is a well-mannered girl.

- 1) polite
- 2) honest
- 3) grateful
- 4) generous

(     )

2. The barn owl \_\_\_\_\_ silently into the dark night sky.

- 1) crept
- 2) soared
- 3) climbed
- 4) fluttered

(     )

3. The lady visited many \_\_\_\_\_ to look at exhibitions of rare and valuable collection of paintings.

- 1) offices
- 2) libraries
- 3) museums
- 4) aquariums

( )

4. Please \_\_\_\_\_ quickly what you want to do. You keep changing your mind.

- 1) recall
- 2) decide
- 3) choose
- 4) remember

( )

5. As he was trying to retrieve his ball, Tom lost his balance and \_\_\_\_\_ down the slippery slope.

- 1) slid
- 2) flew
- 3) floated
- 4) walked

( )

6. My grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ a button onto my blouse this afternoon with needle and thread.

- 1) put
- 2) glued
- 3) stitched
- 4) hammered

( )

**Section B: Grammar (8 x 1 mark)**

**Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.**

7. This classroom belongs to us. We should clean it up \_\_\_\_\_.  
1) myself  
2) yourself  
3) ourselves  
4) themselves ( )
8. "\_\_\_\_\_ sculpture looks so unusual! Let's walk over and have a closer look at it,"  
said Camille.  
1) This  
2) That  
3) These  
4) Those ( )
9. Last Friday, Emma \_\_\_\_\_ a letter to her brother who lives in America.  
1) write  
2) wrote  
3) written  
4) is writing ( )
10. There were \_\_\_\_\_ apples left after the children had made a salad for their dad.  
1) little  
2) a few  
3) much  
4) more ( )

11. "Mother \_\_\_\_\_ lunch for us right now. I can help you with your homework instead," I told my sister.

- 1) cook
- 2) cooked
- 3) is cooking
- 4) has cooked

(     )

12. Michael loves to read. He will \_\_\_\_\_ the public library every weekend to borrow books.

- 1) visit
- 2) visits
- 3) visited
- 4) visiting

(     )

13. "We do not have \_\_\_\_\_ sugar left. Shall we use honey to make the dessert instead?" asked the chef.

- 1) little
- 2) many
- 3) much
- 4) some

(     )

14. While Claire and her sister \_\_\_\_\_, the doorbell rang.

- 1) is playing
- 2) are playing
- 3) was playing
- 4) were playing

(     )

**PART II**

**Section C: Grammar Cloze**

**Passage A (4 x 1 mark)**

**Read the passage below. Choose the most suitable word from the box and fill in the blanks. Use each word ONCE only.**

above	for	on	between
out	into	through	towards

Mrs Tan wanted to throw her used tissue away. As she was walking (15)\_\_\_\_\_ the dustbin, she saw a sunflower growing near it. She wanted to touch the sunflower but there was a bee flying (16)\_\_\_\_\_ it. Mrs Tan decided not to go near the sunflower and went to throw her used tissue (17)\_\_\_\_\_ the bin.

A few steps in front of her, she saw a snail (18)\_\_\_\_\_ the grass. She picked the snail up as she was afraid that it would be stepped on. She felt happy that she had done a good deed.



**Passage B (4 x 1 mark)**

**Read the passage below. Choose the most suitable word from the box and fill in the blanks. Use each word ONCE only.**

swim	swims	swam
swimming	was swimming	

Chris wanted to be a better swimmer, so his friends agreed to help him. They decided to swim at Jurong East Swimming Complex every Monday. They always (19)\_\_\_\_\_ there as it is near to their apartments. At first, Chris often (20)\_\_\_\_\_ near the edge of the pool but after many weeks of practice, his (21)\_\_\_\_\_ improved a lot. Nowadays, Chris (22)\_\_\_\_\_ very confidently and he is not swimming near the edge of the pool anymore. His friends are happy that Chris has become a good swimmer.



**Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)**

**Fill in the blanks with the most suitable word.**

Nate received an invitation from his friend, Stephanie. Stephanie's family has

(23) \_\_\_\_\_ him to a picnic by the lake. Nate was (24) \_\_\_\_\_

to receive the invitation. He (25) \_\_\_\_\_ a thank-you note to Stephanie.

This was what he wrote:

Dear Stephanie,

Thank you for inviting me to the picnic. Since it is (26) \_\_\_\_\_ for me to

get to the lake, I will be grateful if your dad can give me a lift there. I will be bringing my new

camera so that I can take lots of (27) \_\_\_\_\_. I look forward to the picnic

and I am sure all of us will have a wonderful time.

Regards,  
Nate



**SECTION E: Editing (5 x 1 mark)**

Each of the underlined word contains a spelling error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes.

A female red-eyed tree frog has laid a batch of eggs on a leaf. She chose the spot

28.

carfully as the leaf hung over a pond. When the eggs were ready to hatch, the tadpoles

29.

in the eggs started to move around vigerously.

30.

31.

It was an ameising sight. The movement broke the eggs open, releesing the little

32.

tadpoles. All the tadpoles glided down the leaf in a little stream of water. Plop! Plop! Plop!

They all landed in the pond below.



**SECTION F: Sentence Manipulation-Combining (2 x 1 mark)**

**Rewrite the following pairs of sentences as one sentence without changing the original meaning.**

**33. Jim ate all the cookies. He was feeling hungry.**

\_\_\_\_\_ as  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**34. Tim is my classmate. His twin sister, Tammy, is not my classmate.**

\_\_\_\_\_ but  
\_\_\_\_\_.



**SECTION G: COMPREHENSION (8 x 1 mark)**

**Read the passage below and answer questions 35 to 42.**

"Crows are dangerous birds. Be careful of them. Do not throw anything at them or they might attack you," Mrs Lee warned her class when they arrived at West Coast Park.

Some crows were scaring other birds like the mynahs and the pigeons near a dustbin. Martin, Adam and Bok Choon picked up some stones to throw at them.

"Ha! Ha! Look at the crows! They are frightened!" yelled Bok Choon. The boys continued to throw more stones at the crows and they flew away, cawing loudly. Some of them flew to the trees above the dustbin. Some even flew close to the boys and the boys became alarmed. Mrs Lee noticed what was happening so she frowned and gestured to them.

"Come here! Hurry!" Mrs Lee shouted to them.

The boys ran as fast as they could to her. The crows flew in circles above their heads. Finally, they reached the small hut where Mrs Lee and the other pupils were at. She scolded the three of them but the crows could still be heard cawing noisily above the hut. The boys regretted what they had done. They should have listened to her warning about the crows.

"You will see the Discipline Master once we return to school," Mrs Lee told them sternly.

Fortunately, the crows flew away and the pupils could continue with their excursion. Mrs Lee also complained to the authorities about the crows. Several officers were sent to the park to shoot the crows down.

35. The crows attacked the boys because \_\_\_\_\_. [1m]

- 1) they were dangerous
- 2) the children were noisy
- 3) the boys had food with them
- 4) the boys threw stones at them

( )

36. When the boys were attacked, Mrs Lee was \_\_\_\_\_. [1m]

- 1) in the hut
- 2) under some trees
- 3) in school with Mr Yuan
- 4) walking ahead of them

( )

37. What did the authorities do when Mrs Lee told them about the crows? [1m]

- 1) They punished the boys.
- 2) They shot the crows down.
- 3) They chased the crows away.
- 4) They explained to the pupils what they should not do at the park.

( )

For questions 38-39, state whether the statement is true or false. Write T if the sentence is true and F if the sentence is false. [2m]

	Statements	T / F
38.	There were other birds at the park.	
39.	Only Bok Choon threw stones at the crows.	



40. Order the sentences below according to what happened in the story.  
Number the sentences (1, 2 and 3) in the boxes provided.

[1m]

i)	Mrs Lee scolded the boys after they reached the hut.
ii)	The authorities were informed about the crows and what they did.
iii)	The three boys picked up some stones to throw at the birds.

41. In the following sentence, which word (A) or (B) has the same meaning as "making a sign with her hands"? Circle the word.

[1m]

(A)                      (B)
Mrs Lee noticed what was happening so she <b>frowned</b> and <b>gestured</b> to them.

42. Which sentence in paragraph 5 tells you that the boys were sorry for their wrong behaviour?

[1m]

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**SECTION H: COMPREHENSION (8 marks)**

**Read the passage below and answer questions 43 to 49.**

Tina loves to listen to her grandmother's stories about her childhood. In her grandmother's world, when she was a child, people lived near green meadows and children splashed in clear streams.

"Why wasn't I born then?" Tina asked her grandmother one night. "I want to live where the air's clean and flowers grow!" Tina's grandmother looked at her solemnly and said, "If you want something badly enough, you can make it happen."

The next morning, Tina dashed to school. The polluted air made her throat raw. She hurried past old buildings, filthy parking lots and a deserted park. That afternoon at her chess club meeting, Tina announced, "I'm sick and tired of not being able to play outside! Let's clean up the park across the street."

Some of the children laughed as Tina pulled on rubber gloves and grabbed a big garbage bag. However, Paulina said, "I'm with you! Let's go!" After a few hours, they collected food wrappers, plastic bottles, cans and broken toys. The next day, the chess club leader brought a volley ball and the children had a picnic at the park.

"I'm sorry I laughed at you," said Owen to Tina, with a sandwich in one hand and a package in the other. "Here are some carrot seeds and some for flowers. Maybe we can plant them."

"Great idea!" replied Tina. "And I forgive you." With that, an urban garden was born.

Neighbours planted tomatoes, carrots, daisies and sunflowers. Soon, parents with young children strolled through the park. Tina's throat felt fine at the park since the plants helped clean the air.

*Adapted from Tina and the Green City by Carole Douglas*

43. In the sentence below, which word has the same meaning as 'dirty'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

(A)	(B)
She hurried past old buildings, <b>filthy</b> parking lots and a <b>deserted</b> park.	

44. Tina wished she was born during the time when \_\_\_\_\_. [1m]

- (1) she was a child
- (2) her grandmother was a child
- (3) her grandmother told her stories
- (4) she and her grandmother were children

(       )

45. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

The polluted air made her throat raw suggests that \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

<input type="checkbox"/>	Tina has lost her voice
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tina's throat felt painful
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tina breathes through her mouth

46. Which word from **paragraph 2** showed that Tina's grandmother was serious about **what** she told Tina? [1m]

47. Write 1, 2, and 3 next to the sentences according to the order they occurred in the passage after Tina and Paulina had cleaned up the park. [1m]

	People strolled through the park.
	An urban garden was born.
	Owen gave Tina some seeds.

48. Why do you think Owen apologised to Tina? [1m]

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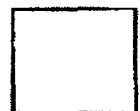
49. How would you describe Tina? Give a reason from the passage to support your answer [2m]

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**EXAM PAPER 2017 (P3)**

**SCHOOL :HENRY PARK**

**SUBJECT : ENGLISH**

**TERM : SA1**

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

- 15)towards      16)above      17)into      18)on      19)swim  
20)swam      21)swimming      22)swims      23)invited  
24)thankful      25)wrote      26)far      27)photographs  
28)carefully      29)vigorously      30)amazing      31)releasing  
32)stream  
33)Jim ate all the cookies as he was feeling hungry.  
34)Tim is my classmate but his twin sister, Tammy is not.  
35)4      36)1      37)2      38)T      39)F      40)2 , 3 , 1      41)gestured  
42)The boys regretted what they had done.  
43)A      44)2      45)Tina's throat felt painful      46)solemnly  
47)3 , 2 , 1

**48)I think Owen felt worried to laugh at Tina so he apologized to Tina.**

**49)I would describe Tina as forgiving. She forgave Owen laughed at her.**