



**Maha Bodhi School  
2017 Semestral Assessment 2  
English Language  
Paper 2  
(Booklet A)**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ (   )

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

Date : 25 October 2017

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**Section A: Grammar MCQ (8 x 1 mark)**

**For each of the following, choose the correct answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OMS.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ boxes over there are blocking the escape path for the pufflings. Please remove them as soon as possible.  
  - (1) This
  - (2) That
  - (3) These
  - (4) Those
  
2. Miss Leil and Mr Lim folded the clothes all by \_\_\_\_\_.  
  - (1) herself
  - (2) himself
  - (3) ourselves
  - (4) themselves
  
3. We found an injured puppy and decided to take it \_\_\_\_\_ a veterinarian.  
  - (1) at
  - (2) in
  - (3) on
  - (4) to
  
4. Lily had to go to the principal's office as she was caught cheating \_\_\_\_\_ the test.  
  - (1) by
  - (2) after
  - (3) before
  - (4) during

5. Roy is a responsible boy. He \_\_\_\_\_ submits his work on time.

- (1) never
- (2) rarely
- (3) always
- (4) sometimes

6. Do you know \_\_\_\_\_ I can buy a box of crayons?

- (1) who
- (2) which
- (3) where
- (4) whose

7. "The roof \_\_\_\_\_!" yelled James as he stared at it in disbelief.

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

8. David \_\_\_\_\_ his cousins every year during the holidays in December.

- (1) visit
- (2) visits
- (3) is visiting
- (4) are visiting

**Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (7 x 1 mark)**

**For each of the following, choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OMS.**

9. Looking around the room, I \_\_\_\_\_ my neighbour. My eyes lit up and I walked hurriedly towards her.

- (1) recalled
- (2) recollected
- (3) recognised
- (4) remembered

10. I could not contain my \_\_\_\_\_ when I received the Bodhian Star award from the principal.

- (1) enjoyment
- (2) excitement
- (3) expression
- (4) encouragement

11. The mother \_\_\_\_\_ her young son for going out of the house without her permission.

- (1) blamed
- (2) praised
- (3) commended
- (4) reprimanded

12. The animals in the farm are \_\_\_\_\_ as they have not been fed for days.

- (1) trotting
- (2) grazing
- (3) starving
- (4) ploughing

\*13. The girl was found \_\_\_\_\_ in the shopping centre.  
She seemed lost and was in tears.

- (1) trailing
- (2) strolling
- (3) trekking
- (4) wandering

\*14. "Please don't \_\_\_\_\_. Just get to the point," said  
Mother.

- (1) set it right
- (2) fall on deaf ears
- (3) beat about the bush
- (4) receive with open arms

\*15. Faizal was throwing stones at the poor cat. A thunderous voice  
\_\_\_\_\_ from behind him, "What are you doing?"

- (1) groaned
- (2) bellowed
- (3) protested
- (4) whimpered

*\*Words are taken from Vocabulary Enrichment List and Spelling List.*

**Section C: Visual Text Comprehension (5 x 1 mark)**

Read the poster carefully then answer questions 16-20.  
Choose the correct answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4)  
on the OMS.

## **Minxin Community Club Annual Fishing Competition**

Do you have excellent fishing skills?

If you want to compete against others in fishing, sign up for the competition today!  
Come down with your family and enjoy bonding time together!

Date: 12 December 2017

Time: 8am to 5pm

Venue: Bayfront Harbour

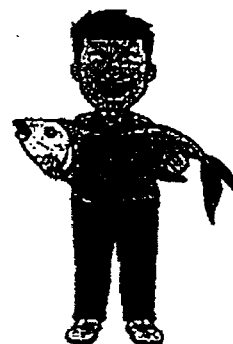
The first 50 early  
birds who register  
by 15 November  
2017 will each  
receive a free  
goodie bag.

### **Registration Fees**

Member		Non-member	
1 Adult	\$20	1 Adult	\$30
Family package (2 adults + 1 child)	\$50	Family package (2 adults + 1 child)	\$70

### **Attractive Prizes Await**

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	\$500 shopping vouchers from Star Mall
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	\$300 shopping vouchers from Star Mall
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	\$100 shopping vouchers from Star Mall
10 consolation prizes	\$20 shopping vouchers from Star Mall



- Register personally at Minxin Community Club.
- Registration ends on 10 December 2017.
- Winners will be notified through post by 1 January 2018.
- For enquiries, please contact Miss Rosy at 64443584 or email her at [hello@minxin.com](mailto:hello@minxin.com).

Meet Mr Sammy, winner of the 2016  
Fishing Competition, and get tips from  
him!

16. The main aim of the fishing competition is to encourage people to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) take part in the fishing competition
- (2) learn fishing skills from last year's winner
- (3) enjoy bonding time with their family members
- (4) get to know others with excellent fishing skills

17. Mr Tang is a member of Minxin Community Club. He wants to participate in the fishing competition together with his wife and son. He must pay \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) \$ 20
- (2) \$ 30
- (3) \$ 50
- (4) \$ 70

18. Ram wants to take part in the fishing competition and collect a free goodie bag. He must register by \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) 1 January 2018
- (2) 15 November 2017
- (3) 10 December 2017
- (4) 12 December 2017

19. To register for the fishing competition, Kent must \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) turn up at Bayfront Harbour
- (2) call Miss Rosy at 6 4443584
- (3) go to Minxin Community Club
- (4) send an email to hello@minxin.com

20. Which of the following statements is true?

- (1) There are ten prizes to be won in total.
- (2) The competition is held at Minxin Community Club.
- (3) Bayfront Harbour is the organiser of the competition.
- (4) Last year's winner, Mr Sammy, will be at the venue for the fishing competition.

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2	A		20
	B		30
Total			50

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**Section D: Grammar Cloze (7 x 1 mark)**

**Read the passage carefully. Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the box. Use each word once only.**

**Passage 1**

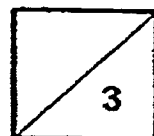
win	won	wins	winning
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Grandpa gasped in disbelief when he saw Charlie holding the gold medal in his hands.

"I can't believe you have (21)\_\_\_\_\_ the first prize! How many chocolate bars did have to you eat in order to (22)\_\_\_\_\_ that prize?" Grandpa asked.

"I ate about twenty bars. However, it was worth it. (23)\_\_\_\_\_ the first prize was a dream come true for me!" Charlie replied as he danced around, feeling elated.

*Adapted from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl*



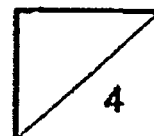
## Passage 2

up	for	beside
on	from	down

The police have arrested a teenager who was involved in throwing killer litter down the block. The 14-year-old threw a bicycle (24)\_\_\_\_\_ the thirteenth floor of the block. The bicycle hit the ground floor and broke into pieces. The teenager was arrested (25)\_\_\_\_\_ the same day he committed the offence.

A resident staying in the same block claimed that she had seen the bicycle parked (26)\_\_\_\_\_ the rubbish bin on the ground floor the night before. She wondered why the bike was later moved (27)\_\_\_\_\_ to the thirteenth floor. Another resident was thankful that no one was hurt by the dangerous act.

Adapted from "Killer Litter" from *Little Red Dot*, 4 July 2017



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

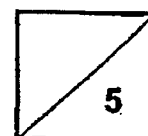
**Read the passage carefully. Fill in the blanks with the most suitable word from the box. Use each word once only.**

ushered	convinced	startled	nestled
approached	tangled	discovered	beamed

It was a dark and stormy night. Two animal rescue officers, John and Mike, had just received a call for help. A fawn had walked into a field and was hopelessly (28)\_\_\_\_\_ in a soccer net. It could not free itself. The officers did not hesitate to help. Not wanting to frighten it, the officers (29)\_\_\_\_\_ the fawn cautiously, taking a step at a time.

Suddenly, lightning flashed across the dark skies. The fawn was (30)\_\_\_\_\_ by the loud claps of thunder and struggled in the net. Officer John stroked it gently. The fawn calmed down and (31)\_\_\_\_\_ in Officer John's arms while Officer Mike worked to free it. Soon, the fawn was freed and the officers (32)\_\_\_\_\_ with joy. The fawn gazed at them before disappearing into the forest.

*Adapted from Police Going Above and Beyond to Help a Baby Deer in Need by Stephen Messenger*



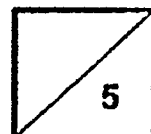
**Section F: Comprehension Cloze (5 x 1 mark)**

**Fill in each blank with a suitable word.**

Billy loved to do magic tricks. It was his dream to become a famous (33)\_\_\_\_\_. He spent most of his free time watching magic shows. On his birthday, he unwrapped all his (34)\_\_\_\_\_ enthusiastically, hoping that he would receive a magic kit. As he unwrapped the last present, his eyes lit up. He hugged the magic kit tightly and (35)\_\_\_\_\_ for joy!

He practised his magic tricks every day, determined to (36)\_\_\_\_\_ his skills. He was pleased with his progress. His neighbours saw how good he was and asked if he could (37)\_\_\_\_\_ magic tricks at their son's birthday party. Billy was surprised to hear their request. With a wide grin on his face, he nodded.

*Adapted from Billy and His Magic Tricks by Jack Steward*



**Section G: Sentence Manipulation (3 x 1 mark)**

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

38. The team worked very hard. They did not win the game.

\_\_\_\_\_ but

\_\_\_\_\_

39. Sarah was reading the newspapers. Siqi was doing her homework.

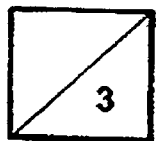
\_\_\_\_\_ while

\_\_\_\_\_

40. Johan needs to wake up early. If not, he will be late for school.

\_\_\_\_\_ so that

\_\_\_\_\_



**Section H: Comprehension Open-Ended (10 marks)**

**Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions in complete sentences. Your answers must be based on the passage read.**

Old Granny and her pet, Rocky, used to live together in a small house. As time went by, Old Granny grew too old to look after herself. She had to move in with her son. However, her son did not like to have animals in his apartment. Sadly, Old Granny had no choice but to move Rocky to a new house.	5
There were two mean children in the new house. They made faces, shouted and threw blocks at Rocky. When they wanted to grab him, Rocky would run away. Even worse were the five cats which lived there. When Rocky pranced up to them and gave a friendly bark, the cats showed their claws and hissed at him. Whenever Rocky let out even the softest bark, the cats would glare at him. With no friends, Rocky spent most of his time alone behind the sofa.	10
One Sunday, the two children felt bored. They turned their attention to the cats. They stuffed two of them into a backpack. The others trembled as they watched quietly from behind the curtains.	15
Rocky stood up. Trembling all over, he ran across the room and barked non-stop at the two children. Mother came running from the garden when she heard the commotion. She saw what the two children were doing, released the cats and scolded them.	
The next day, the children went to school. The cats walked towards Rocky and sat next to him, purring. They licked Rocky and Rocky licked them back. Then they played together.	20
That night, Rocky licked his paws and yawned just like the cats. He felt happy that the cats made friends with him – the only cat that barked.	

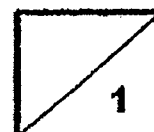
Adapted from *Rocky The Cat Who Barks* by Donna Jo Napoli and Marie Kane

41. Why did Old Granny move Rocky to a new house?

[1]

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42. What two details did the author use to tell us that the cats were unfriendly towards Rocky?

[2]

Detail 1	
Detail 2	

43. State whether each statement below is True or False. Then, give one reason why you think so.

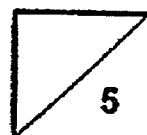
[2]

Sentence	True / False	Reason
(a) Rocky felt lonely in the new house when he first moved in.		<div></div> <div></div> <div></div>
(b) Rocky barked at the cats because he wanted to frighten them.		<div></div> <div></div> <div></div>

44. What does 'The others' in line 14 refer to?

[1]

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45. Why do you think the five cats did not like Rocky at first?

[2]

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46. The statements below show what the cats did in the story. Put them in the right sequence, according to the flow of the story. Write 1, 2 and 3 on the lines.

[1]

\_\_\_\_\_ The cats licked Rocky.

\_\_\_\_\_ The cats looked at Rocky angrily.

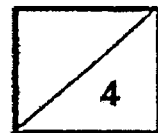
\_\_\_\_\_ The cats sat beside Rocky.

[1]

47. From the passage, what is the adjective you would use to describe how the cats felt towards Rocky in the end? Tick the answer.

They were

<input type="checkbox"/>	proud
<input type="checkbox"/>	grateful
<input type="checkbox"/>	contented



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*Please remember to check your work thoroughly.*



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Q 1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
4	4	4	4	3	3	1	2	3	2

Q 11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
4	3	4	3	2	1	3	2	3	4

Q 21	Q22	Q 23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29
won	win	Winning	from	on	beside	up	tangled	approached

Q30	Q 31	Q32	Q 33	Q34	Q 35	Q36	Q 37
startled	nested	beamed	magician	presents	jumped	hone	perform

Q38)	The team worked very hard but they did not win the game.
Q39)	Sarah was reading the newspaper while Siqi was doing her homework.
Q40)	Johan needs to wake up early so that he will not be late for school.
Q41)	Her son did not like to have animals in his apartment.
Q42)	They showed their claws and hissed at Rocky. They glared at him.
Q43)	True. He had no friends. False. He wanted to make friends.
Q44)	It refers to the other cats.
Q45)	He was the only cat who barked.
Q46)	3,1,2
Q47)	grateful