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**ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (JUNIOR)
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2 - 2005
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY 3**

Name : _____ ()

Class : P 3 . ()

Date : 24th OCTOBER 2005

BOOKLET A

21 Questions

21 Marks

Total Time For Booklet A and B : 1 hour 25 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 1 Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.**
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Section A: Vocabulary (10 marks)

Choose the correct answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

1. You should not run across the road when the 'green man' is _____.
 - (1) shining
 - (2) flashing
 - (3) twinkling
 - (4) sparkling

2. The bush fire has left a _____ of damage. Four thousand square kilometres of the forest was burnt to the ground.
 - (1) trail
 - (2) chain
 - (3) string
 - (4) speck

3. The king was _____ as he killed the boy who had saved his life.
 - (1) jealous
 - (2) jubilant
 - (3) ungrateful
 - (4) responsible

4. The _____ took some good photographs of comets during their space missions.
 - (1) pilots
 - (2) tourists
 - (3) travellers
 - (4) astronauts

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5. The colourful illustrations on this _____ give us an idea of where we should go for our next holiday.

- (1) manual
- (2) brochure
- (3) directory
- (4) handbook

6. To find out the name of the writer of a newspaper report, you must read the _____.

- (1) quote
- (2) byline
- (3) caption
- (4) headline

7. The guests were warmly _____ with 'goody bags' when they arrived at the hall.

- (1) amused
- (2) welcomed
- (3) humoured
- (4) entertained

8. He was caught in the storm and got completely wet.

- (1) dunked
- (2) dipped
- (3) drenched
- (4) dampened

9. He was driving dangerously because he was drunk.

- (1) speedily
- (2) helplessly
- (3) recklessly
- (4) desperately

10. The room was so big that it could provide enough space for a hundred guests.

- (1) accept
- (2) accomplish
- (3) accompany
- (4) accommodate

Section B : Grammar (6 marks)

Choose the correct answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optic Answer Sheet (OAS).

11. Tom usually _____ his hands before breakfast.
- (1) wash
 - (2) washes
 - (3) washed
 - (4) washing
12. Sue and Aisha _____ for the play when the alarm sounded.
- (1) is practising
 - (2) are practising
 - (3) was practising
 - (4) were practising
13. We need to get _____ money from our parents to buy books.
- (1) any
 - (2) many
 - (3) much
 - (4) some
14. "I've looked _____ but I still cannot find my watch!" my brother wailed.
- (1) nowhere
 - (2) anywhere
 - (3) everywhere
 - (4) somewhere

15. "We thank you for helping _____," the boys told the man who had donated a huge sum of money to charity.

(1) me

(2) us

(3) her

(4) him

16. We have to buy the tickets _____ we can watch the movie.

(1) as

(2) after

(3) while

(4) before

Section C : Comprehension MCQ (5 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Then answer the questions that follow. Write the number of the correct answer on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

One morning, Anansi was wandering through the forest when he saw a pot lying on the path in front of him.

"Fill the pot," said a quiet voice beside him.

"Fill the pot?" Anansi repeated in astonishment and before he knew what had happened, the pot was filled to the brim with the most delicious-smelling chicken stew.

Anansi promptly sat down and gobbled the whole pot of chicken stew.

"That was fantastic. When can I have another one?" he asked.

"Just repeat the words, 'fill the pot', and you will have whatever you ask for but you must never wash me or my magic powers will cease."

Anansi hid the pot under some bushes and went home. He did not want to share it with anyone, not even his family. Every day, Anansi would command the pot to produce whatever he desired, eat it and then return home. Before long, his wife became suspicious as Anansi grew fatter.

One morning, Anansi's wife followed him into the forest and saw him with his pot of delicious-smelling vegetable stew. She was furious.

The next morning, she went to the hiding place. When Anansi woke up, he went into the forest to look for his pot. It was missing! He was in dismay. He looked everywhere but it was nowhere to be found. He eventually gave up searching and went back home, feeling very disgruntled and hungry.

When he reached home, he was astonished to find his wife laying out a huge meal with all kinds of delicacies.

"Wife, where did you get all these wonderful food?" he asked.

"Well, Husband, I dreamt that I had found this beautiful pot filled with food hidden in the forest not far from here. When I awoke this morning, I went and looked for it. And do you know, Husband, there it was. Isn't it amazing?"

"Yes, amazing," said Anansi desperately. Anansi went off angrily. He realised he had been tricked by his wife!

(Adapted from Fairy Tales From Far and Wide by Fiona Waters)

17. Anansi repeated the words he heard _____.
- (1) to please the voice
 - (2) because he was hungry
 - (3) because he wanted chicken stew
 - (4) without knowing what would happen
18. Anansi did not bring the pot home to show his wife because _____.
- (1) the pot was dirty
 - (2) the pot was too full
 - (3) his wife would scold him
 - (4) he wanted to keep it for himself
19. If the pot was cleaned, it would _____.
- (1) disappear
 - (2) lose its magic
 - (3) make a huge meal
 - (4) not be shiny anymore
20. Anansi's wife smelled a rat because Anansi was _____.
- (1) feeling disgruntled
 - (2) beginning to put on weight
 - (3) always wandering about
 - (4) always came home hungry
21. At the end of the story, Anansi was angry with his wife because she had _____.
- (1) tricked him
 - (2) cleaned the pot
 - (3) followed him into the forest
 - (4) ordered a delicious meal for the family

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BOOKLET B

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A	-	21	
B	Editing for Spelling & Grammar	4	
	Punctuation	3	
	Grammar Cloze	5	
	Vocabulary Cloze	5	
	Comprehension OE	10	
	Total	27	
TOTAL for Booklet A and B		48	

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Editing for Spelling and Grammar

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammar error. Put the correct spelling or form of the underlined word in each of the boxes.

It was Sunday and the fast food restaurant was crowded. My

(22)

mother and I were lineing up to buy lunch. When it was our turn, my

(23)

mother order two hamburgers, a Coke and a cup of coffee. After paying

(24)

of the food, we walked to our table. Suddenly someone pushed us from

behind. It was the boy who was standing behind us in the queue. When

(25)

he saw our angry faces, he quickly appollogised again. My mother and I

then smiled at him and said, "It's all right."

Punctuation

For questions 26 to 28, choose the correct punctuation mark(s) for each sentence. Write its letter (J, K, L, M, N or P) in the brackets provided.

USE EACH LETTER ONCE ONLY.

J	“	open inverted commas
K	”	close inverted commas
L	.	full-stop
M	,	comma
N	!	exclamation mark
P	?	question mark

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Grammar Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct words from the words given in the box and write its LETTER (A to H) in each blank. USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

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| (A) about | (B) against | (C) away | (D) before |
| (E) during | (F) for | (G) on | (H) with |

During the Dragon Boat Festival, the Singapore River is the venue for a spectacular boat race featuring local and international teams. Each team consists of twenty-two rowers and a drummer. The boats are decorated (29) _____ dragons, complete with heads, tails and scales.

As a practice, the boats are first blessed in a "dotting-the-eye" ceremony to give them 'vision' (30) _____ they set sail. Held (31) _____ the fifth day of the fifth Chinese Lunar month, the Dragon Boat Festival honours a famous Chinese poet and statesman called Qu Yuan.

In 230 BC, Qu Yuan threw himself into the river in protest (32) _____ corruption. According to legend, some fishermen tried to save him by throwing rice in the water and beating drums to keep the fish (33) _____. This is the reason why during this festival, the Chinese prepare 'Zong Zi', rice dumplings wrapped in bamboo leaves and usually filled with meat, mushrooms, chestnuts, spices and eggs.

(Adapted from Fests and Festivals of Singapore – Vivian Tan, 1999)

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Section G : Vocabulary Cloze

Read the passage carefully and fill in each blank with a suitable word.

As a reward for doing well in the end-of-the-year examinations, my parents (34) _____ to take me on a trip to Korea. The package included a stay in a five-star hotel. I was more excited at the (35) _____ of staying in a five-star hotel than the trip itself.

Upon (36) _____ at the airport, a tour guide met up with us and drove us to the hotel. The car was huge and comfortable and there were even snacks and a television set. I was so fascinated with all the gadgets that I did not even realize that we had arrived at the (37) _____ where we were going to stay.

I lived like a king during my stay in the hotel. The attendants were very polite when attending to our (38) _____. Besides, the beds were huge and comfortable, and the other facilities were great too. I really look forward to another trip. I know I have to work harder for it.

Section C : Comprehension

**Read the passage carefully and answer questions that follow.
Write your answers in complete sentences.**

Stephen Smith and his friend set off at dawn. They were both dressed in thick clothing and Andrew had a bag of food with him. They had seen an island from the window of the cottage they had rented. It looked rather interesting, so they had decided to explore it.

The fisherman shut off the engine of the boat as they drew near to the island. He told Stephen that he could not go any closer. Stephen paid him and waded ashore with Andrew. The water reached up to their waists. Stephen could see shoals of fish swimming among the rocks.

The island looked deserted. Stephen could see his and Andrew's footprints clearly in the sand. Andrew tied the bag of food to a branch and they started exploring the island. They did not encounter anyone, which was what they had expected after they set foot on the island.

When they had finished their lunch, they saw dark clouds looming in the horizon. The fisherman arrived and called out urgently to them at the top of his voice. When they reached the cottage, they felt tired but satisfied, knowing that they were the first ones to set foot on the island.

39. Where were Stephen and his friend when they discovered the island?

40. How did Stephen and his friend move from place to place on the island?

41. In the last sentence of paragraph 3, "... what they had expected...", what were Andrew and Stephen expecting?

42. Why was Stephen able to spot the fishes among the rocks?

43. What weather was the fisherman expecting when he shouted urgently?

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Answer Sheets

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- 1)2 2)1 3)3 4)4 5)2 6)2
- 7)2 8)3 9)3 10)4 11)2 12)4
- 13)4 14)3 15)2 16)4 17)4 18)4
- 19)2 20)2 21)1 22)lining 23)ordered 24)for
- 25)apologised 26)N 27)K 28)M 29)H
- 30)D 31)G 32)B 33)C 34)decided 35)luxury
- 36)arriving 37)hotel 38)request

39)Stephen and his friend were in the cottage they had rented when they discovered the island.

40)Stephen and his friend walked from place to place on the island.

41)Andrew and Stephen were expecting; that they would not encounter anyone.

42)This is because the engine was off and the water only reached up Stephen's waist.

43)The fisherman was expecting a bad weather.

Listening Comprehension

- 1)2 2)3 3)2 4)3
- 5)teddy bear 6)baby brownie 7)brown 8)nose
- 9)grandmother 10)sleep

11)My parents bought me a game console as I had done very well in my examination last year. I played with it only on weekends. I have many games but I like the adventure ones most. I own almost forty games.