



Maha Bodhi School  
2008 Semestral Assessment 1  
English Language (Paper 2)

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Class : Pr 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Duration : 1 hr 30 min (Booklets A & B)

Date : 6 May 2008

**Booklet A**

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

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

1. The goalkeeper rolled on the grass and \_\_\_\_\_ in pain after the ball hit him hard in the face.
  - 1) groaned
  - 2) growled
  - 3) sobbed
  - 4) screeched
  
2. Andrew is proudly \_\_\_\_\_ the medal that he has won at the competition.
  - 1) exposing
  - 2) revealing
  - 3) displaying
  - 4) showcasing
  
3. Mrs Tan told her son, "It's late now. Please be \_\_\_\_\_ . Lower the volume of the television set so that you do not disturb the neighbours."
  - 1) genuine
  - 2) generous
  - 3) charitable
  - 4) considerate

4. The police appealed for \_\_\_\_\_ to come forward to help them in the investigation of the murder case.

- 1) victims
- 2) suspects
- 3) criminals
- 4) witnesses

5. Jenny wanted to stay longer at her friend's house but her parents refused. She had no choice but to go home \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) eagerly
- 2) excitedly
- 3) anxiously
- 4) reluctantly

6. The man needs to move around on a wheelchair because he is \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) disabled
- 2) disjointed
- 3) disfigured
- 4) dislocated

**Section B: Grammar MCQ** (6 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.

7. After the scouts \_\_\_\_\_ their tents, they built a fire.

- 1) are pitching
- 2) had pitched
- 3) have pitched
- 4) were pitching

8. The performance put \_\_\_\_\_ by our boys and girls at the concert was excellent. The audience enjoyed it very much.

- 1) in
- 2) on
- 3) forward
- 4) through

9. My uncle, as well as his children, \_\_\_\_\_ to China every year. They have relatives living there.

- 1) go
- 2) goes
- 3) went
- 4) going

10. "Have the pupils from Primary 4A \_\_\_\_\_ the museum before?" asked Miss Tan.

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

11. How did you feel when the girl \_\_\_\_\_ you?

- 1) pinch
- 2) pinches
- 3) pinched
- 4) pinching

12. Neither Jerry nor his brothers \_\_\_\_\_ oranges. All of them prefer durians to oranges.

- 1) like
- 2) likes
- 3) liked
- 4) liking

Section C : Comprehension MCQ (5 x 2 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.  
Choose the correct answer and shade the correct oval (1,2,3 or 4) on the OMS.

The red fox is a small mammal with thick fur. It is easily recognised by its long, shiny and reddish fur coat and large, bushy tail. The average size of an adult fox is comparable to that of a small dog. The average male weighs approximately 6 to 7 kilogrammes. The foxes have pointed ears that prick up to enable them to detect sounds of danger. Their large eyes shine in the dark just like a cat's.

Red foxes have an excellent sense of smell and eyesight, making them excellent hunters. Their diet consists of mice, rabbits, insects, berries, and even garbage. They breed once annually. The vixen gives birth to about 3 to 5 pups in enlarged underground burrows. Born blind, the pups' eyes open in about 12 days. They live off their mother's milk for 8 weeks before they are fed with partly digested meat that she vomits. They are also taught to *stalk* and kill animals.

At about 3 months old, the pups leave the den to hunt on their own. Their hunting skills, which they have at birth, are improved through practice. Some natural predators of the fox are coyotes, wolves, eagles and large owls. The life span of the fox is about 1 to 4 years.

13. How do you think the red fox gets its name?

It gets its name by \_\_\_\_\_  
from

- 1) its large pointed ears
- 2) the colour of its thick fur
- 3) its long, large, bushy tail
- 4) the size that is comparable to a dog

14. How long does the vixen take care of its young?

- 1) one year
- 2) four years
- 3) eight weeks
- 4) three months

15. What special characteristics does the red fox have that enable it to be a good hunter?

It has \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) a large bushy tail
- 2) large eyes that can shine in the dark
- 3) long, shiny and reddish fur coat and large, bushy tail
- 4) a keen sense of smell and hearing and good eyesight

16. Which one of the following words has the same meaning as "stalk" in Paragraph 2?

- 1) trap
- 2) guide
- 3) block
- 4) follow

17. Which one of the statements about red foxes is incorrect?

- 1) They reproduce once a year.
- 2) They are as big as small dogs.
- 3) They are plant and animal eaters.
- 4) They can see when they are one week old.

\*\*\*\*\* End of Booklet A \*\*\*\*\*



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**Booklet B**

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

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the box and write its letter (A-M) on each blank.

USE EACH WORD ONLY ONCE

<del>(A)</del> zooming	<del>(B)</del> approaching	<del>(C)</del> duty	<del>(D)</del> disaster
<del>(E)</del> human	<del>(F)</del> halt	<del>(G)</del> tilted	<del>(H)</del> accident
<del>(J)</del> alert	<del>(K)</del> explosion	<del>(L)</del> deafening	<del>(M)</del> chaotic

Everyone at the airport was looking up at the sky. They were ~~watching~~ <sup>looking</sup> anxiously at the huge aircraft which was (18) \_\_\_\_\_ the runway. The pilot had reported a fault in the wheels and feared the possibility of an (19) \_\_\_\_\_ if it landed. Fire engines, ambulances and the police were on the (20) \_\_\_\_\_. The plane was now coming closer to the runway. The roar of the engine was (21) \_\_\_\_\_.

The wheels finally touched the ground and an earth-shattering (22) \_\_\_\_\_ was heard! The plane was (23) \_\_\_\_\_ to one side, and the pilot was desperately trying to bring it to a (24) \_\_\_\_\_. At last, he managed to do so. Thankfully, there was no loss of (25) \_\_\_\_\_ life. Everyone cheered loudly.

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

**Passage 1**

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the box and write its letter (A - F) on each blank.

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(A) any	(B) few	(C) some
(D) much	(E) little	(F) a lot

Clair was feeling stressed. She needed (26) \_\_\_\_\_ more time to complete her Science project. However, she did not have (27) \_\_\_\_\_ time left as she needed to hand in her work the following morning. She tried to call her friends for help but she could not get (28) \_\_\_\_\_ one of them. Finally, she asked (29) \_\_\_\_\_ family members for help. She did not want to be punished for not handing in her project.

**Passage 2**

**USE EACH WORD ONLY ONCE**

(A) climbed	(B) climb	(C) was climbing
(D) have climbed	(E) climbing	(F) had been climbing

The mountaineers were excited about their expedition. They set out at first light to (30) \_\_\_\_\_ one of the world's most challenging mountains. They were all extremely fit because they (31) \_\_\_\_\_ slopes for three hours every day to prepare themselves for this particular adventure. They (32) \_\_\_\_\_ steadily, hardly exchanging a word. Each of them was enjoying every moment of (33) \_\_\_\_\_ this magnificent mountain. It was indeed an unforgettable experience for them.

**Section F: Comprehension (5 x 2 marks)**

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

Chris hid himself behind a huge rock when the pirates came ashore. They were mean-looking. One of them even had a scar running across his cheek. Chris thought he must be the chief. The other two pirates were being ordered to carry a big chest. He spoke in a hushed tone and he kept looking around. With their bodies bent, the two pirates walked with great difficulty across the beach. Chris was watching the pirates silently. Suddenly, he saw something glimmering under the moonlight. He squinted his eyes. He realised that the chief was carrying a gun! He knew his life would be in danger if he was spotted by the pirates. He kept very still.

The pirates looked around again before they entered a cave. A few minutes later, they came out of the cave and left the deserted island on a motorboat. Chris watched the motorboat cruising on the rough seas. He only stopped looking when he saw it disappearing into a tiny dot in the vast waters. Chris came out of his hiding place, walked towards the cave and entered it boldly. The chest was on the ground and when he opened it, he saw many shining gold coins. He dragged the chest of treasure to his motorboat on the other side of the island.

Chris travelled a long distance to a small village and visited the homes of many poor people that night. The next morning, the villagers woke up to a pleasant surprise. There were gold coins in every home!

34. How did Chris know that the pirate with a scar was the chief?

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35. Why did the pirates look around before entering the cave?

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36. What did Chris do to make sure that it was safe for him to come out of his hiding place?

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37. Which phrase in the second paragraph tells you that no one was living on the island?

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38. Why did Chris go to the homes of the poor people?

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Please remember to check your work thoroughly.





# ANSWER SHEET

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TERM : SA 1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
1	4	4	4	4	1	2	2	2	3	3	1	2	4	4	4	4

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33
B	H	J	L	K	G	F	E	F	D	A	C	B	F	A	E

34) He ordered the two pirates to carry a big chest.

35) They did not want anyone to know about their hiding place for the treasure chest.

36) Chris kept still and waited until the pirates boat had disappeared in the sea.

37) The phrase is "deserted island."

38) He wants to give the gold coins to the poor people.

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