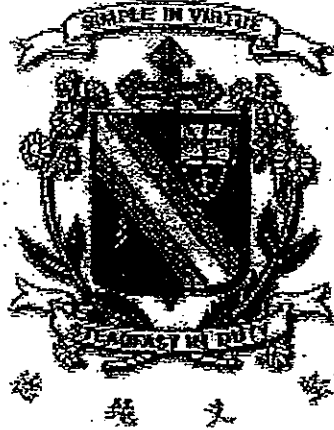


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CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 3

Continual Assessment 2

22 August 2012

English Language

Booklet A

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 15 min

Instructions to Candidates:

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Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions on the Optical Answer Sheet.

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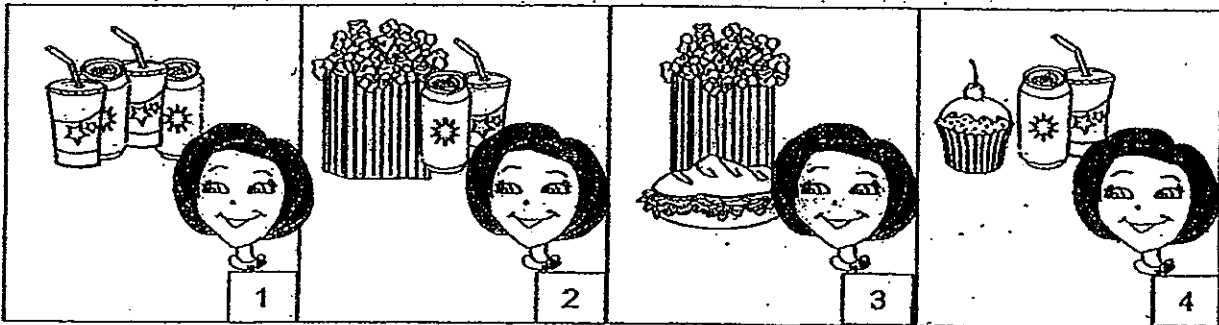
Section A: Picture Matching Multiple-Choice Questions (5 x 1 mark)

Look at the set of pictures. Listen carefully to your teacher and choose the picture that best describes the statement read. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

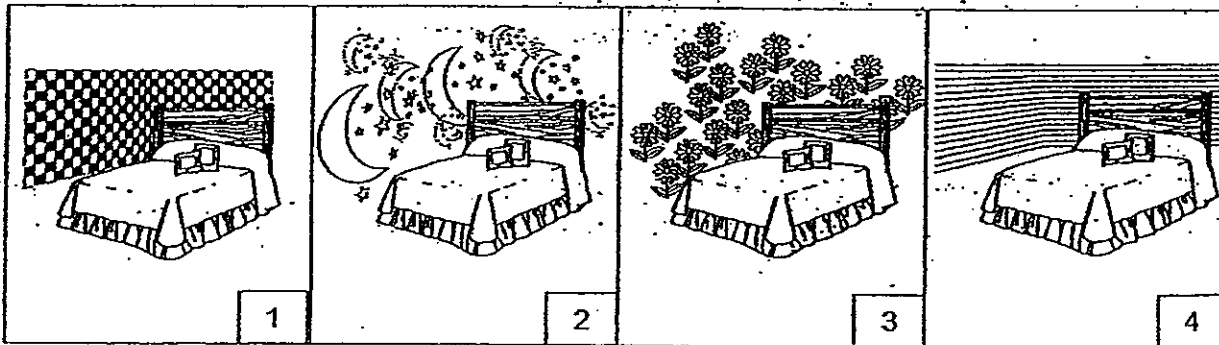
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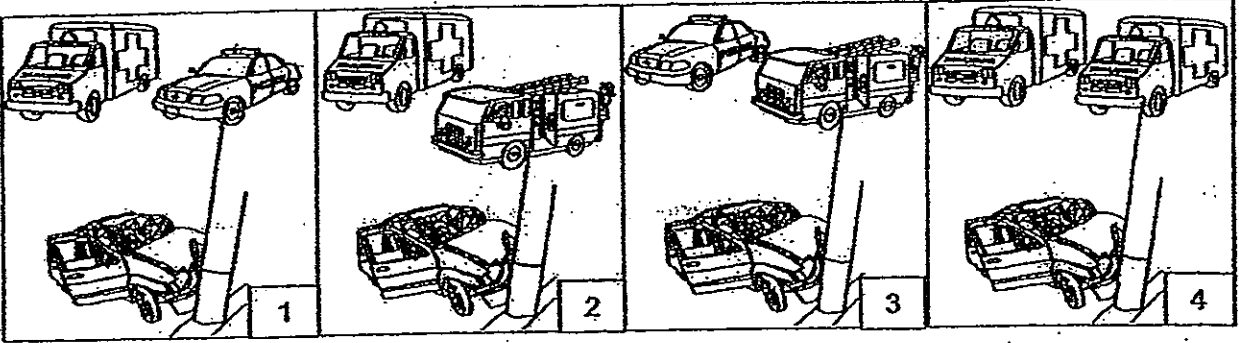
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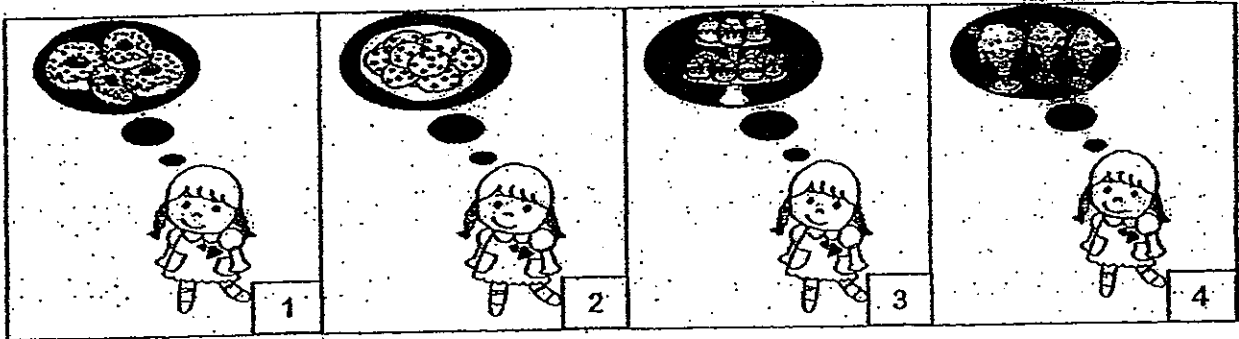
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Section B: Vocabulary Multiple-Choice Questions (12 x 1 mark)

Read the questions carefully. Choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

6. The teacher _____ the pupils whenever they behave well in class.
- (1) supports
 - (2) approves
 - (3) compliments
 - (4) congratulates
7. The waitress tries to _____ the crying toddler by giving him some sweets.
- (1) please
 - (2) pacify
 - (3) feed
 - (4) stop
8. Nelson often comes to school looking rather _____. His hair is uncombed and his shirt unironed.
- (1) scruffy
 - (2) tangled
 - (3) crumpled
 - (4) disturbed
9. Goh Keng Swee is remembered as _____ citizen as he had devoted his entire life to building the nation.
- (1) a brave
 - (2) a popular
 - (3) an honest
 - (4) a patriotic

10. Grandmother has been sick and bed-ridden for months. It pains me to see her so _____.

- (1) faint
- (2) slender
- (3) twisted
- (4) scrawny

11. Mrs Lim _____ her way through the crowd to take a last glimpse of her house before the fire burned it down.

- (1) strolled
- (2) shoved
- (3) slithered
- (4) sauntered

12. "Keep calm and fret not. If you have been revising your work _____, the test is going to be a piece of cake," said Mrs Wong reassuringly.

- (1) slowly
- (2) regularly
- (3) suddenly
- (4) completely

13. Sally did not dare to stand at the _____ of the deep pool as she was not a strong swimmer.

- (1) kerb
- (2) brim
- (3) edge
- (4) bank

14. Vanessa is good at drawing. Her artistic _____ has been obvious since she was a child.

- (1) talent
- (2) power
- (3) exhibit
- (4) display

15. The cunning fox managed to _____ the hunter by hiding in a hollow tree trunk.

- (1) trap
- (2) tease
- (3) outwit
- (4) pursue

16. When physician Tan Tock Seng died, his name was carved on a brass _____ to recognise his good deeds.

- (1) wall
- (2) badge
- (3) plaque
- (4) certificate

17. Tourists are often _____ by the elegance and beauty of Marina Bay Sands, Singapore.

- (1) petrified
- (2) shocked
- (3) obsessed
- (4) astounded

Section C: Grammar Multiple-Choice Questions (12 x 1 mark)

Read the questions carefully. Choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

18. Yesterday, Raja _____ the whole day teaching his puppy some new tricks.
- (1) spent
 - (2) spends
 - (3) has spent
 - (4) has been spending
19. John and his sister go home by _____ after school.
- (1) herself
 - (2) himself
 - (3) ourselves
 - (4) themselves
20. "Could you please help me take _____ heavy boxes up to the hall?" asked Jenny as she pointed to the boxes at her feet.
- (1) this
 - (2) that
 - (3) these
 - (4) those
21. The thief was snooping around in the study when _____ caught his attention.
- (1) nothing
 - (2) anything
 - (3) something
 - (4) everything

22. During a field trip to Sungei Buluh Wetland Reserve, many pupils were _____ by mosquitoes.
- (1) bit
 - (2) bite
 - (3) bites
 - (4) bitten
23. "It's past dinner time. I _____ be hungry but I am not," Phyllis thought to herself.
- (1) must
 - (2) could
 - (3) would
 - (4) should
24. Mindy is a diplomatic girl _____ she is always tactful with her words.
- (1) or
 - (2) so
 - (3) but
 - (4) when
25. Allan _____ piano lessons at Horizon Music School from next month onwards.
- (1) took
 - (2) takes
 - (3) has taken
 - (4) will be taking
26. The little girl covered her face _____ she could not stop her tears from flowing.
- (1) then
 - (2) before
 - (3) because
 - (4) therefore

27. " _____ umbrella is that hanging by the door?" asked Mother.

- (1) Who
- (2) What
- (3) Whom
- (4) Whose

28. "I didn't bring _____ money with me today. Would you mind if I borrowed _____ from you?" asked Patrick.

- (1) any little
- (2) any some
- (3) some any
- (4) some little

29. Mr Lee crept _____ the doorway quietly as he did not want to wake his wife up.

- (1) into
- (2) onto
- (3) under
- (4) through

Section D: Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1 mark)

Study the invitation below carefully and answer questions 30 to 34.



Dear friends,

You are cordially invited to my 9th Birthday Party!

Date : 20 December 2012

Venue : Function Room 2 at Delta Condominium,
221 Copperfield Road, Singapore 340536

Time of Activities:

- | | |
|--------|-----------------------------|
| 3.30pm | - Cyril's Magic Show |
| 4.00pm | - Balloon Sculpting Session |
| 5.00pm | - Water Games |
| 6.00pm | - Barbeque Dinner |



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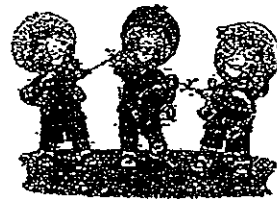
- towels
- sun tan lotion
- swimming gear
- change of clothes
- toiletries (optional)

Be ready for a blast!

Please R.S.V.P. by calling Jason at 6933 0182 two weeks before the party.

Note: In order to gain entry into the premises, please show the security guard this invitation.

Love,
Jason



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

30. Jason is inviting his friends over for a _____ party.
- (1) farewell
 - (2) birthday
 - (3) Christmas
 - (4) housewarming
31. The party will be held at a _____.
- (1) HDB flat
 - (2) bungalow
 - (3) condominium
 - (4) terrace house
32. Guests who arrive at the party at 5.30pm can enjoy the _____.
- (1) games and dinner
 - (2) magic show and games
 - (3) games and balloon sculpting session
 - (4) barbeque and balloon sculpting session
33. Guests cannot gain entry into the condominium unless they _____.
- (1) arrive by 3pm
 - (2) are ready for a blast
 - (3) bring their swimming gear
 - (4) show the invitation to the guard
34. Jason's friend, Ali, is unable to attend the party. He should let Jason know at least a _____ in advance.
- (1) day
 - (2) week
 - (3) month
 - (4) fortnight

Section E: Comprehension Multiple-Choice Questions (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 35 to 39.

More than 2000 years ago, there was a Chinese poet called Qu Yuan. He was a righteous man and did not like the cruel way in which the emperor treated the villagers. Although Qu Yuan tried to advise the emperor, he would not listen to him. In despair, Qu Yuan threw himself into a river. At once, the villagers rushed to save him in their dragon boats but they could not reach him in time. 5

Every year, the Chinese commemorate Qu Yuan's death with a festival known as the Rice Dumpling Festival. It falls on the fifth day of the fifth month of the lunar calendar.

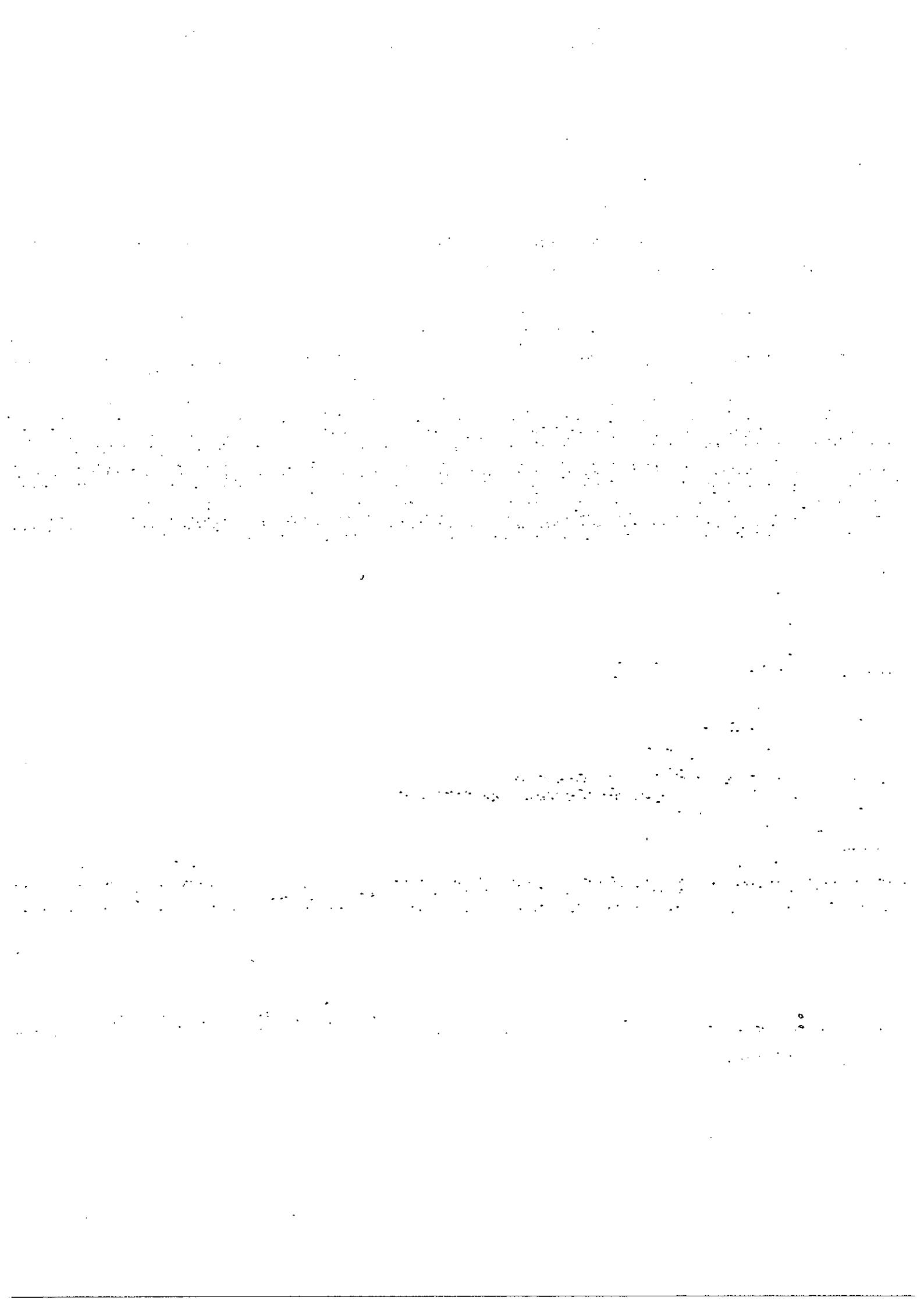
The highlight of the festival is the dragon boat race. Long and slim rowing boats are used. They are brightly painted with a dragon's head at one end. 10
Someone beats a drum to keep the rowers in rhythm. Teamwork is the key to winning the race and everyone wants their boat to win.

According to legend, when the villagers could not find Qu Yuan's body, they threw rice dumplings into the river to stop the fish from eating his body. This is how the festival got its name. Today, the dumplings have fillings such as meat, 15
nuts and egg yolks, making them tastier.

Adapted from Festivals through the Year by Anita Ganeri

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

35. Qu Yuan was _____.
- (1) a poet
 - (2) a general
 - (3) a boatman
 - (4) an emperor
36. Qu Yuan did not like the emperor because the emperor _____.
- (1) was a righteous man
 - (2) did not listen to advice
 - (3) mistreated the villagers
 - (4) disliked eating dumplings
37. In line 6, the word 'commemorate' means to _____.
- (1) salute
 - (2) honour
 - (3) memorise
 - (4) appreciate
38. How did Qu Yuan die?
- (1) He drowned himself.
 - (2) He was attacked by the fish.
 - (3) He was executed by the emperor.
 - (4) He was thrown into the river by the villagers.
39. What would be the most suitable title for this passage?
- (1) The Story of Qu Yuan
 - (2) The Dragon Boat Race
 - (3) The Importance of Teamwork
 - (4) The Origin of Rice Dumpling Festival



Name : _____ ()

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CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 3

Continual Assessment 2

22 August 2012

English Language

Booklet B

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 15 min

Instructions to Candidates:

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Follow all instructions carefully.

Parent's Signature: _____

Booklet A	39
Booklet B	31
Total	70

This booklet consists of 6 printed pages and 1 blank page.



Section F: Vocabulary Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable answer in the box and write its letter (A to K) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. Use each word ONCE only.

(A) drawer	(C) groaning	(E) mumbling	(G) shine	(J) sun
(B) eye	(D) minute	(F) rummaged	(H) slipped	(K) tottered

"Grandma, where are the keys?" I asked.

"They're in the second (Q40) _____ of the cabinet," she replied, smiling. I knew I could count on Grandma's help. I went to the cabinet, pulled open the drawer and (Q41) _____ through its contents.

"I found them! Let's go to the park now!" I shouted gleefully.

"Alright, give me a (Q42) _____," she said as she shuffled to get her walking stick. I held Grandma's arm as she (Q43) _____ towards the door.

I miss the strong and healthy Grandma who used to take me to the playground. She would always keep an (Q44) _____ on me while I played on the swing. Grandma also walked me to school every morning. At the end of the school day, rain or (Q45) _____, she would be at the gate waiting for me. That was my dear Grandma.

Things have indeed changed after her fall two months ago. While coming out of the bathroom, Grandma (Q46) _____ and fell on the wet floor. I dashed to the bathroom only to find Grandma on the floor, (Q47) _____ softly in pain. She had fractured her left ankle. Ever since then, she had to move around with a walking stick.

Adapted from Where's Grandma? by Edmund Lim W.K.



Section G: Grammar Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the most suitable answer in the box and write its letter (A to H) in each blank. Use each word ONCE only.

(A) but	(C) of	(E) therefore	(G) with
(B) for	(D) so	(F) when	(H) without

You require a lot of energy to think, move and eat. By the end
(Q48) _____ the day, your body is very tired. Sleep is
(Q49) _____ very important. While you are asleep, your body can heal
cuts, bruises and sore muscles.

If you do not get the right amount of sleep, you may find it hard to think clearly and
concentrate. When you are sleepy, making simple decisions like choosing what to buy
(Q50) _____ lunch may become a problem. You may slur when you are
talking and you may write untidily. You may also be clumsy
(Q51) _____ you run and jump. All these problems may lead to trouble
in school.

Studies show that people who get enough sleep are healthier than those
(Q52) _____ poor sleeping habits. Getting sufficient sleep gives you the
energy you need to make it through the day and feel good doing all that you do.

Adapted from Physical Fitness by Dr. Alvin Silverstein



Section H: Comprehension Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

It is easy to make multi-coloured popcorns. First, (Q53) _____ two tablespoons of vegetable oil into a large pot. Then, add a cup of popcorn kernels and stir with a wooden ladle. Make sure (Q54) _____ kernels are all covered with oil. Place the lid over the pot and (Q55) _____ it on a stove.

Within a minute, you will hear the popcorns popping. Do not remove the (Q56) _____ until the popping noises have stopped. The popcorns are now ready for 'colouring'. Put the popcorns in plastic bags. The bags should be (Q57) _____ so that you can see the popcorns being coloured.

Add a teaspoon of food colouring into each bag of popcorns. To avoid spillage, close the plastic bag (Q58) _____. Hold the bag in one hand and tap it with the other to distribute the food colouring. You may toss the bag up in the (Q59) _____ to ensure that the popcorns are evenly coated. Finally, open (Q60) _____ the plastic bags and empty them into a large bowl. The multi-coloured popcorns are now ready!

Adapted from I Can Cook by Sarah Maxwell



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Section I: Comprehension Open-ended Questions (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 61 to 65.

Once there lived a poor farmer. Though he worked day and night, he could never earn enough to feed himself.

One day, while resting on a stump, the farmer heard a strange noise from behind a tree. Suddenly, a strange and bizarre-looking creature sprang out from nowhere and started laughing and dancing around the farmer. 5

"Who are you?" asked the farmer.

"I am Trouble. I bring bad luck!" sniggered the creature. "Without me, you would be a lucky man!"

Quickly, the farmer grabbed Trouble by its throat and tied it up with strong ropes. He buried it deep in a pit before covering it with stones and walked home happily. Sure enough, the next day, his luck changed for the better. 10

One evening, his neighbour, a rich man came for a visit. He asked the farmer for his secret to success. The farmer gladly shared his story and where he had buried the root of his misfortune. The rich man listened intently. That very night, the jealous neighbour crept to the pit and set the creature free. 15

"Thank you so much!" cried Trouble. "You, sir, are a true friend."

"Now," said the rich man, "you can go back and torment your old master once more."

"No, no, no!" exclaimed Trouble. "That man tied me and threw me into that pit. But you, sir, were so kind as to free me. You will make a much better master. I'll stay with you forever." Upon hearing that, the rich man quivered. 20

Adapted from Folktales from Eastern Europe by Dan Keding

Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

61. What was the farmer doing before the creature appeared?

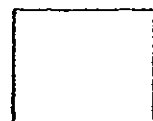
62. What does Trouble bring to people?

63. How did the farmer ensure that Trouble could not escape from the deep pit?

64. Which word in the passage means to 'cause suffering'?

65. How did the rich man feel when he heard "I'll stay with you forever." (lines 20 – 21)?

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ANSWER SHEET

CHIJ ST. NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

Continual Assessment (2) 2012

Primary 3 - English

Section A: Picture Matching

1. (2)	2. (1)	3. (3)	4. (4)	5. (3)
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Section B: Vocabulary MCQ

6. (3)	7. (2)	8. (1)	9. (4)	10. (4)	11. (2)	12. (2)	13. (3)
14. (1)	15. (3)	16. (3)	17. (4)				

Section C: Grammar MCQ

18. (1)	19. (4)	20. (3)	21. (3)	22. (4)	23. (4)	24. (2)	25. (4)
26. (3)	27. (4)	28. (2)	29. (4)				

Section D: Graphic Stimulus

30. (2)	31. (3)	32. (1)	33. (4)	34. (4)
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Section E: Comprehension MCQ

35. (1)	36. (3)	37. (2)	38. (1)	39. (4)
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Section F: Vocabulary Cloze

40. A	41. F	42. D	43. K	44. B	45. G	46. H	47. C
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Section G: Grammar Cloze

48. C	49. E	50. B	51. F	52. G
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Section H: Comprehension Cloze

53. pour	54. the	55. put	56. lid	57. transparent	58. tightly
59. air	60. up				

Section I: Comprehension Open-ended

	Q: What was the farmer doing before the creature appeared?
61	A: The farmer was resting on a stump.
	Q: What does Trouble bring to people?
62	A: Trouble brings bad luck to people.

63	Q: How did the farmer ensure that Trouble could not escape from the deep pit?
	A: The farmer tied Trouble up with strong ropes, buried it deep in a pit and covered it with stones.
64	Q: Which word in the passage means to 'cause suffering'?
	A: The word is 'torment'.
65	Q: How did the rich man feel when he heard "I'll stay with you forever." (lines 20-21)?
	A: The rich man felt very scared and regretted freeing Trouble.