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ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (JUNIOR)
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 (2005)
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY 3

PAPER 1

NAME : _____ ()

CLASS : PRIMARY 3 . ()

DATE : TUESDAY 26 APRIL 2005

50 MINUTES

20 MARKS

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

There are two questions in this booklet.

Answer only one question.

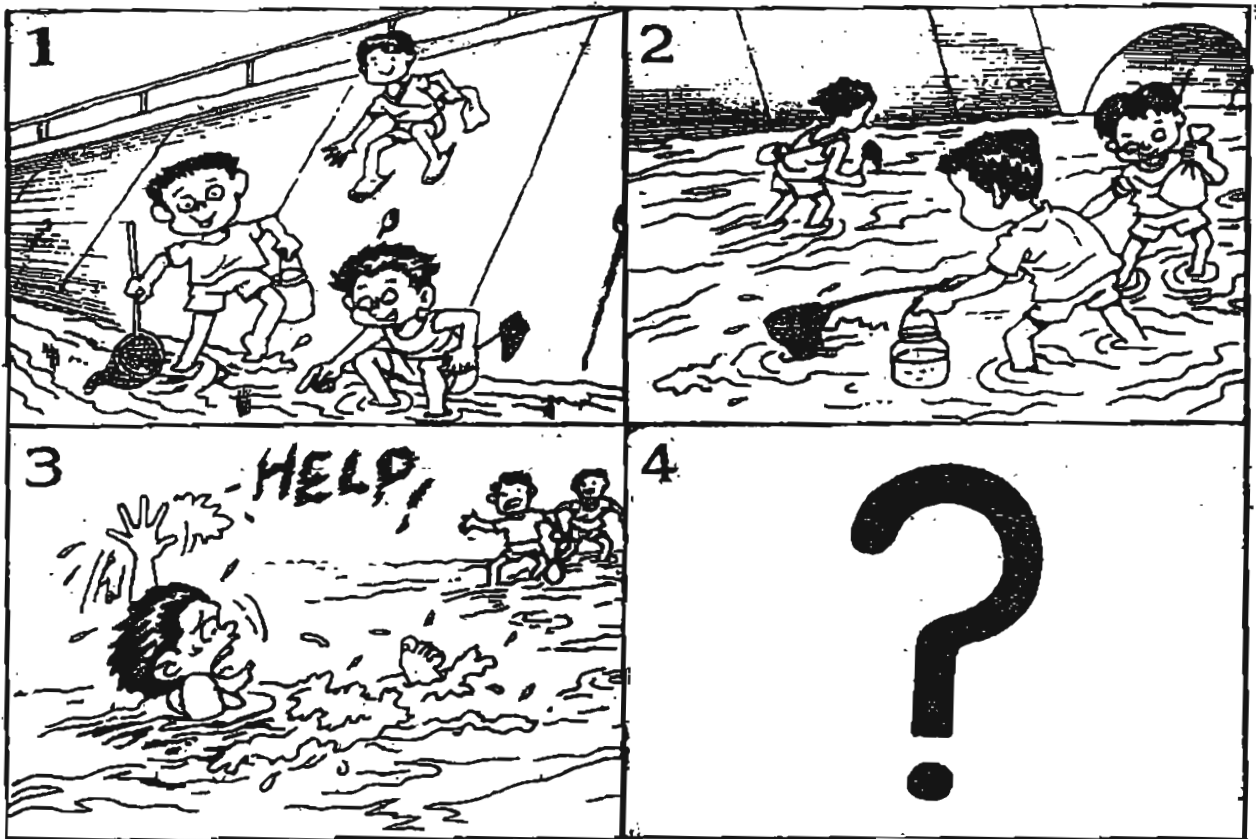
Write your answer on the paper provided.

This booklet consists of 3 printed pages and 1 blank page.

There are two questions. Read both questions carefully.
Answer only ONE question and write its number (1 or 2) on your writing paper.

Question 1

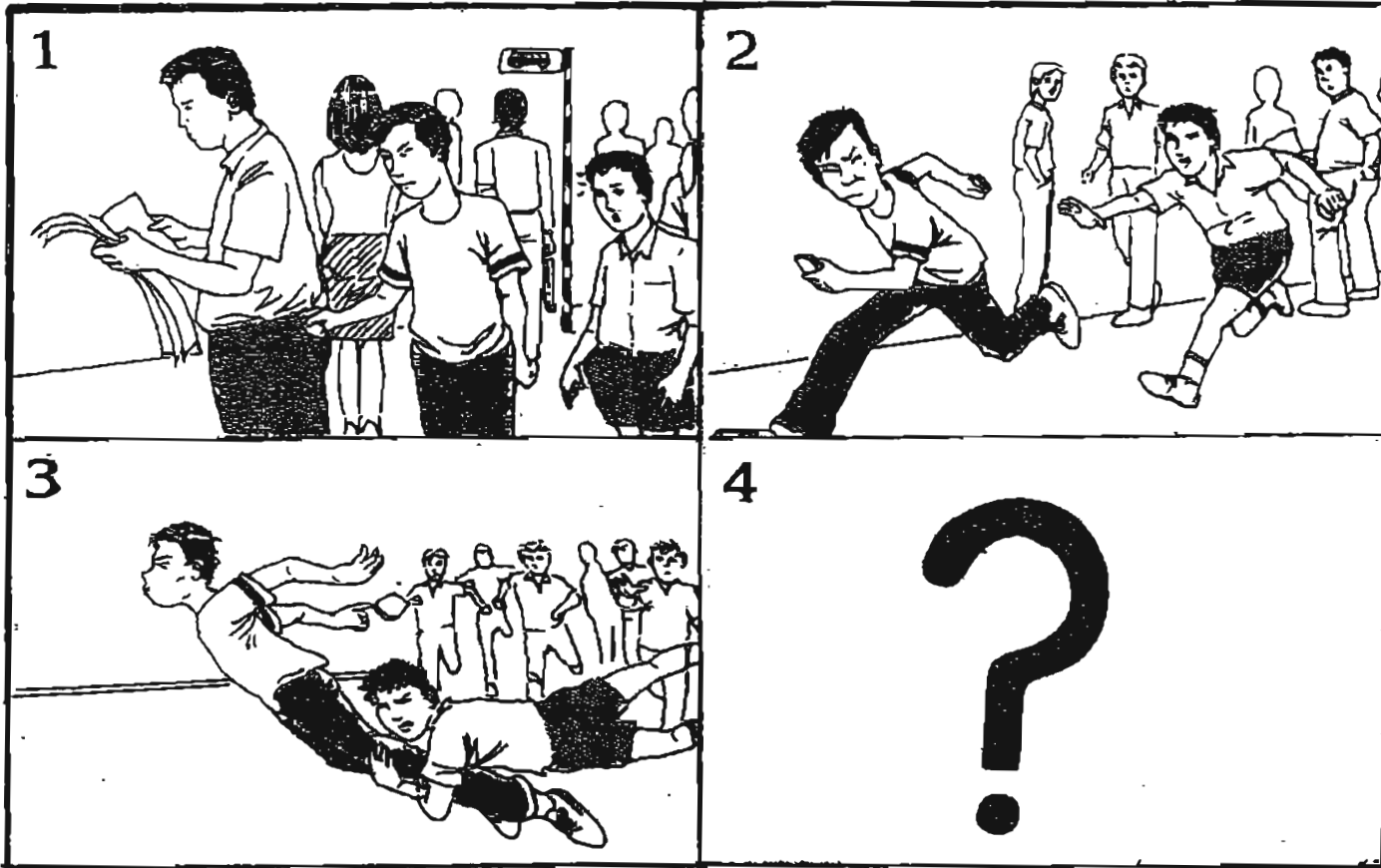
Look carefully at the pictures given below.
Write a composition of at least 100 words based on the pictures. You may use the helping words in the box below.



canal	steep	excited	fast-moving
caught	slipped	panicked	screamed

Question 2

Look carefully at the given pictures below. Write a composition of at least 100 words based on the pictures. You may use the helping words in the box below.



bus- stop	suspicious	crowd	a pickpocket
noticed	long pants	chased	pounced

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PAPER 2

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Class: Pr 3. _____

Date: Monday, 9th May 2005

Duration: 1 hour 30 mins

Parent's Signature: _____

SECTION	COMPONENTS	MARKS OBTAINED	MAX. POSSIBLE MARKS
A	<i>Vocabulary</i>		20
B	<i>Grammar</i>		25
C	<i>Comprehension (MCQ)</i>		10
D	<i>Comprehension (Open-Ended)</i>		10
TOTAL			65 4

Section A: Vocabulary (20 marks)

Part 1:

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.

1. Although she was late for work, she walked into the office as _____ as a cucumber.
(1) soft
(2) cool
(3) warm
(4) sweet ()
2. "There is not a _____ of dirt in their house. It's spotlessly clean!" exclaimed Mum.
(1) wad
(2) lock
(3) pinch
(4) speck ()
3. In which of the following are the words written in alphabetical order?
(1) bolt, bold, busy, burn
(2) prize, price, press, prove
(3) chess, chest, court, cover
(4) magic, madam, moral, month ()
4. My father could not hear the news on the radio. He asked me to turn up the _____.
(1) pitch
(2) lights
(3) sound
(4) volume ()
5. The ballerina danced _____ and received a thundering round of applause.
(1) briskly
(2) smartly
(3) clumsily
(4) gracefully ()

Sub-total:

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6. My class was awarded a _____ for being the cleanest class in the school.
(1) token
(2) reward
(3) voucher
(4) certificate ()
7. The little boy presented the guest-of-honour with a _____ of flowers.
(1) clump
(2) school
(3) cluster
(4) bouquet ()
8. The crabs were _____ quickly into the holes in the sand as tide came in.
(1) gliding
(2) climbing
(3) scurrying
(4) galloping ()
9. When writing letters to friends, we use _____ such as 'Best wishes', 'Yours', or even 'Love from'.
(1) caller
(2) operator
(3) closing phrases
(4) opening phrases ()
10. Books that contain facts and information can be found in the _____ section.
(1) fiction
(2) thriller
(3) adventure
(4) non-fiction ()

Sub-total:

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11. Thank you for the _____ but I am not able to come to your birthday party next week.
(1) invitation
(2) celebration
(3) explanation
(4) congratulation ()
12. Mona has been feeling _____ since she failed her test last week.
(1) red
(2) blue
(3) white
(4) green ()

Choose the most suitable word to replace the underlined word(s) and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.

13. My mother asked me to find out the exact position of the library by today.
(1) place
(2) scene
(3) setting
(4) location ()
14. The person who has drawn the pictures in the book "James and the Giant Peach" is Quentin Blake.
(1) editor of
(2) author of
(3) illustrator of
(4) publisher of ()
15. In the fable, 'The Fox and the Crow', the fox was so sly that the crow was tricked.
(1) vain
(2) foolish
(3) trusting
(4) cunning ()

Sub-total:

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Part 2: Vocabulary Cloze

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

There was a downpour when Claire was walking to school. She walked carefully so that she would not (16) _____ on the slippery ground. She was holding an (17) _____ to shield herself from the rain but it was no use as the rain was very heavy. Just then, a car sped past Claire and she was splashed from head to toe with dirty (18) _____ ! She had such a fright that she dropped her file.

Just as she was about to pick up her file, a dog ran towards her and (19) _____ loudly at her. The dog bumped against her, causing her to fall on the floor.

Claire was so upset that she started to ~~tear~~. Just then, Claire's friend, Jane, walked up to her and helped her up. Claire was (20) _____ to Jane for her help. The two girls then walked to school together.

Sub-total:

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Section B: Grammar (25 marks)

Part 1:

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.

21. Soccer is one of the world's _____ popular outdoor sports.
(1) most
(2) more
(3) much
(4) many ()
22. _____ they started painting the house this morning, they have not stopped for a drink.
(1) As
(2) Since
(3) When
(4) Before ()
23. James broke the record for high jump yesterday. Nobody knows how he _____ it.
(1) did
(2) does
(3) has done
(4) was doing ()
24. Look at the swans in the lake. One of them _____ its wings.
(1) flap
(2) flaps
(3) is flapping
(4) are flapping ()
25. I must work harder _____ Mathematics. It is my weakest subject.
(1) at
(2) to
(3) with
(4) over ()

Sub-total:

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26. "_____ the pupils in the hall yesterday when the bell rang?" the teacher asked.
 (1) Isn't
 (2) Aren't
 (3) Wasn't
 (4) Weren't ()
27. I am not sure if he is _____ good man although he has _____ honest face.
 (1) aa
 (2) the.....a
 (3) a.....an
 (4) a.....the ()
28. My uncle from Penang _____ us next week. I cannot wait to see him.
 (1) visit
 (2) visited
 (3) visiting
 (4) will visit ()

Part 2: Punctuation

For questions 29 – 30, choose the correct punctuation mark (s) for each sentence. Write the number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided. Use each answer only once.

(1) ,"	(2) Lets'
(3) Let's	(4) ?"

29. "How do you cope with fame _____ the reporter asked Singapore Idol, Sylvester Sim, in a recent interview. ()
30. It is a beautiful day outside. _____ go for a walk. ()

Part 3: 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.

A chimpanzee was resting on the branch of a tree. As it looked down,

(31)

it suddenly saw a ferosious leopard pressing its forepaws on the tree trunk. With one

(32)

big leap, the beast spring up the tree.

(33)

The frightened chimpanzee lost its balence and tumbled. Leaping down

(34)

from the tree, the leopard pounce on it hastily. The chimpanzee lay wounded on the

(35)

forest floor, only to be eat by the hungry beast. That was the end of the chimpanzee.

Part 4: Grammar Cloze 1

Read the information text carefully. Choose the correct word and write its LETTER (A TO H) in the blank. USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) by	(B) so	(C) he	(D) you
(E) how	(F) too	(G) will	(H) for

This book, 'The Mystery of the Deep Lagoon' tells of the adventures of four children who were stranded on a faraway deserted island .

It is interesting to know (36) _____ the children managed to fend (37) _____ themselves under harsh conditions.

The adventures that the four boys experienced were (38) _____ exciting that the book becomes very difficult to put down once (39) _____ begin reading it. I (40) _____ recommend this book to all my friends. They will surely love it.

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Grammar Cloze 2

Read the information text carefully. Choose the correct word and write its LETTER (A TO H) in the blank. USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) be	(B) were	(C) next	(D) also
(E) some	(F) only	(G) other	(H) another

Two On Killer Rampage in H K

A Hong Kong "litter maniac" flung his belongings from his 36th floor flat during a two-hour frenzy. Among the things that the 22-year-old tossed out of his window on 26 March 2005 (41) _____ furniture items and electrical appliances.

Separately on Sunday, (42) _____ man was also arrested for throwing blankets and boxes out of his flat. The first man, identified (43) _____ by his surname Hu, told the police he went on his littering spree because he was "not feeling happy".

The (44) _____ man, identified as Sin, claimed that he was upset after a fight with his girlfriend. Both men will (45) _____ charged in court.

Sub-total:

Section C: Comprehension MCQ (10 marks)

Read the passage below carefully and answer the questions 46 to 50. Choose the most suitable answer and write the answer (1, 2, 3, or 4) in the brackets.

Bob was standing on top of the wooden steps leading to the kitchen. He was clutching a baseball bat in one hand and a broom in the other. He had a frightened look on his face. I could hear Ivan yelping and muttering to himself in the living-room. Bob gave me a look of despair.

"Your python's escaped!" he exclaimed.

"Escaped? But how could it?" I asked.

"I don't know how, but it has. It's slithered into the kitchen. It seems to like there."

I climbed up the steps and looked through the kitchen door. The snake was coiled up near the stove and an overturned pot on the kitchen floor indicated that Ivan had left in a hurry. Ivan poked his head through the living-room door and asked nervously, "How are you going to catch it?"

"We'll have to go in and pin it down," I said, in what I hoped was a steady voice.

"Count me out, I'm not going in there," Bob blurted.

As I could not get either Ivan or Bob into the kitchen with me, I was forced to go in alone. I armed myself with a long, forked stick and a sack and approached the snake with the sack held out in front of me, like a bullfighter approaching a bull. I jabbed at it hoping it would coil up the stick. However, the snake flung off the stick angrily. It hissed and slid swiftly towards the back door, disappearing into the darkness, much to everyone's relief.

*Gerald Durrell
Three Singles To Adventure*

For each question from 46 to 50, choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.

46. The snake was first seen _____ .
(1) in the kitchen
(2) in the living-room
(3) outside the house
(4) on top of the wooden steps ()
47. In line 6, the author was _____ when he heard that the snake had escaped.
(1) nervous
(2) puzzled
(3) relieved
(4) disappointed ()
48. Which of the statements below is true?
(1) The snake belonged to the author.
(2) Bob hit the snake with a baseball bat.
(3) Ivan wanted to catch the snake by himself.
(4) The python overturned the pot in the kitchen. ()
49. When the author looked into the kitchen, the snake _____ .
(1) hissed and slid away
(2) was resting near the stove
(3) escaped through the back door
(4) coiled up on the stick he was holding ()
50. The phrase, " _____ , " shows that the author was careful when he was approaching the snake.
(1) a look of despair
(2) much to everyone's relief
(3) disappearing into the darkness
(4) like a bullfighter approaching a bull ()

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Section X: Comprehension Open-Ended (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions 51 to 55.

Carrie accompanied her mother to the market. It was crowded with people. There were men, women, old ladies and infants in strollers. The noise was deafening and a mixture of languages and dialects could be heard.

Carrie followed her mother to the butcher. She did not understand what they were saying but she saw the pleased look on her mother's face when she managed to bargain for a lower price for the meat. Next, they bought some vegetables. Carrie's mother spoke in another dialect to the greengrocer. She was amazed that her mother was able to speak more than one dialect. Carrie was even more surprised when her mother spoke in fluent Malay to a lady who was selling some spices.

It was an eye-opening experience for Carrie as she walked around the market. Old ladies displayed an amazing amount of strength as they pushed their grandchildren in their strollers, while holding three to four bags of food in their arms.

Finally, after buying some fruits, Carrie and her mother left the market. Carrie enjoyed helping her mother select the freshest fruit. However, she did not want to go to the wet market again as it was too hot and she did not like the smell of the raw food.

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**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.
Begin with a capital letter and end with a full-stop.**

51. How were the infants moved around the market?

52. Why did Carrie's mother have a "pleased look"?

53. In the second paragraph, which word has the same meaning as 'good deal'?

54. Why did Carrie consider the old ladies as having amazing strength?

55. Explain clearly what Carrie did not like about the wet market.

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Answer Sheets

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- 1)2 2)4 3)3 4)4 5)4 6)4
7)4 8)3 9)3 10)4 11)1 12)2
13)4 14)3 15)4 16)slip 17)umbrella 18)water
19)barked 20)grateful 21)1 22)2 23)1 24)3
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31)1ferocious 32)sprang 33)balance 34)pounced 35)eaten
36)E 37)H 38)B 39)D 40)G
41)B 42)H 43)F 44)G 45)A
46)1 47)2 48)1 49)2 50)4

51)The infants moved around in strollers.

52)Carrie's mother had managed to bargain for a lower price for the meat.

53)The word is "bargain"

54)The old ladies pushed their grandchildren in strollers while carrying three to four bags of food in their arms.

55)Carrie thought that the wet market was too hot and she did not like the smell of the raw food.