



RED SWASTIKA SCHOOL
2016 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1
ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 2
LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION
PRIMARY 3

Name : _____ ()

Class : Primary 3 / _____

Date : 6 May 2016

Note:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read carefully the instructions given at the beginning of each section.
3. Do not waste time. If a question is difficult for you, go on to the next one.
4. Check your answers thoroughly and make sure you attempt every question.

43 Questions

50 Marks

Duration of Paper: 1 hour 15 minutes

ITEMS	OBTAINED	POSSIBLE
MCQ		22
Qn 19 - 43		28
TOTAL		50

Parent's Signature : _____

Section A: Vocabulary (6 marks)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number on the OAS provided.

1. Steve bought the flour, sugar and eggs but forgot to buy another _____ needed to bake cupcakes – butter.
- (1) equipment (2) recipe
(3) ingredient (4) cutlery
2. The winner of the contest went up the stage to _____ his prize.
- (1) win (2) obtain
(3) claim (4) receive
3. When Susan found out that she had scored the highest marks in the class, she was as _____ as a _____.
- (1) quiet ... church mouse (2) proud ... peacock
(3) happy ... lark (4) free ... bird
4. During the morning assembly, Robin was _____ by the principal for helping an old man cross the road.
- (1) commented (2) commanded
(3) commended (4) compensated
5. The boys crept out of their room _____ in order not to wake their parents up.
- (1) timidly (2) noisily
(3) swiftly (4) quietly
6. After breaking into the house, the burglar _____ with a bag of jewelry.
- (1) took up (2) took off
(3) took on (4) took to

13. Mother gave Tom too _____ rice for dinner. He could not finish all of it.

- (1) few
- (3) many

- (2) little
- (4) much

14. "You must take good care of _____ when we are not around," Mr and Mrs Lim told their children.

- (1) yourself
- (3) yourselves

- (2) myself
- (4) ourselves

Section C: Visual Text Comprehension (8 marks)

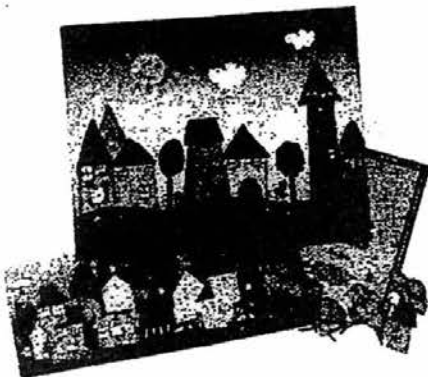
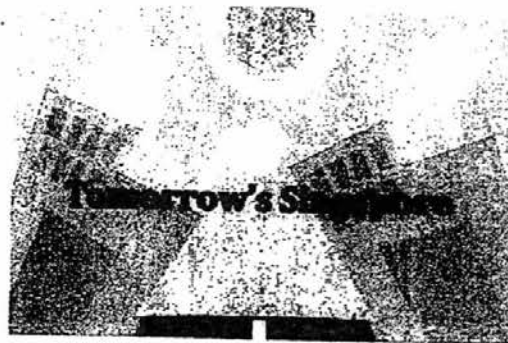
Read the advertisement carefully and answer the questions that follow.
Choose the correct answer and shade its number on the OAS provided.

Young Artist 2016

Drawing Competition for Children Brought to you by Create Studios!

Create Studios is organising the competition for primary schools. This year's theme is 'Neighbourhood of the Future'.

Ten winners will be chosen and their artwork will be displayed at community clubs.



Winners will receive:

First Prize: \$ 500 cash

Second Prize: \$ 350 cash

Third Prize : \$ 200 cash

Fourth to Tenth Prize: A 1TB Harddisk

All prize winners will also receive \$100 worth of vouchers.

Sponsored by: 4Children Groups & Talent World Inc.

Entry forms are available at community clubs.

Drawings and entry forms are to be submitted by 15 May to:

www.funchildren.com

For more information, please contact Mrs Susie Loo at 6251 1234.

15. The competition is organised by _____.
- (1) Fun Children
 - (2) Mrs Susie Loo
 - (3) Create Studios
 - (4) 4Children Groups
16. The theme for this competition is _____.
- (1) Fun Children
 - (2) Young Artist 2016
 - (3) Tomorrow's Singapore
 - (4) Neighbourhood of the Future
17. The fifth prize winner will receive _____.
- (1) a 1TB harddisk only
 - (2) a \$100 voucher only
 - (3) \$200 cash and a \$100 voucher
 - (4) a 1TB harddisk and a \$100 voucher
18. Which of the following statements is true of the Young Artist 2016 Competition?
- (1) Top ten winners will receive prizes.
 - (2) Drawings will be sold at community clubs.
 - (3) Drawings are to be submitted to Mrs Susie Loo.
 - (4) All drawings and entry forms are to be submitted after 15 May.

Section D: Grammar Cloze (4 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box below and write its letter (A to F) in each blank.

USE EACH WORD ONLY ONCE.

(A) along

(B) between

(C) about

(D) with

(E) for

(F) into

Dear Diary,

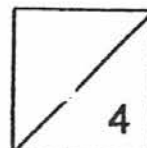
My best friends are June and May. This morning, they quarrelled

_____ each other. May accused June of pushing her _____ the
(19) (20)

sandpit. However, June denied it. Both were angry with me because I did not stand up

_____ any of them. Perhaps I should speak to Mrs Tan _____ this
(21) (22)

matter. I hope that everything will be resolved by tomorrow.



Section E: Grammar Cloze (4 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box below and write its letter (A to F) in each blank.

USE EACH WORD ONLY ONCE.

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| (A) flew | (B) flies | (C) fly |
| (D) was flying | (E) have been flying | (F) flying |

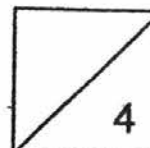
John and James are active members of the Youth Flying Club. Every Sunday,

they _____ their planes at the club. The siblings _____ planes since they
(23) (24)

were in secondary school. Last week, John _____ a plane all by himself.
(25)

John's interest in _____ began after his parents had taken him on a
(26)

seaplane in New Zealand when he was only nine. That experience changed his life.



Section F: Editing (4 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Correct each word in bold and underlined for spelling. Correct each word in italics and underlined for punctuation.

Primary Six student, Yeong Jing Yi, was one of 116 participants from 42 primary schools who made it to the zonal round of 'The Big Spell'.

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Despite feeling **nervas**, Jing Yi said that the competition would serve her well.

(28)

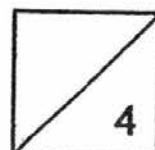
(29)

having had to spell in front of the whole school, she said, "I just need to look **konfidant** in front of the audience."

(30)

Tomorrows participants will compete in the North, South, East and West school zones before the judges and invited guests.

*Adapted from: Little Red Dot
The Straits Times*



Section G: Sentence Combining (4 marks)

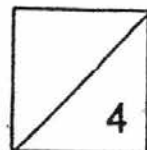
For each question from 31 and 32, combine the sentences to make one sentence using the word(s) given. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the sentences given.

31. The bag of sweets was given by Peter. The bag of sweets was heavy.

_____ which

32. He will be ill. He does not take his medicine.

If _____



Section H: Grammar Cloze (4 marks)

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

Some animals sleep throughout winter. This deep sleep is called hibernation.

Animals, such as bears and chipmunks, need little _____ no food
(33)

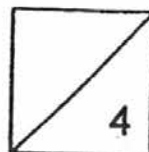
during hibernation. Some birds fly south _____ the winter. We call this
(34)

migration. Birds that migrate, fly _____ warmer places to find food. Meanwhile,
(35)

other birds remain at one place despite the cold winters. People are encouraged to

help the birds _____ feeding them.
(36)

Adapted from: <http://www.sciencemadesimple.com/animals.html>



Section I: Comprehension (8 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Black and white stripes make the zebras one of the most recognisable animals in the world. The Plains zebras are the most famous of the three species of zebras, living in the grasslands of Africa. The other two species are Grevy's zebras and Mountain zebras. Plains zebras also have a different stripe pattern unlike the other species. They have underbelly stripes.

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Zebras are smart animals. With a keen sense of hearing and excellent eyesight, they are able to stay clear of predators such as lions and cheetahs. If a zebra spots a predator, it lets out a sharp two-syllable call. The young and female zebras run, while the males trail behind to defend them. If one is attacked, **others** circle around to help protect it from predators.

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Zebras are also herbivores. They spend the majority of their day eating, mostly grazing on grass. To keep up with the frequent grinding of the food they eat, their back teeth continue to grow throughout their lives.

Zebras are known to travel great distances to find food and water when the dry season arrives. When not eating or travelling, they do take the opportunity to sleep.

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Adapted From: <http://www.animalfactguide.com/animal-facts/plains-zebra/>

For Question 37 – 38, tick ✓ whether the characteristics describe the Plains zebras and the Grevy's zebras. Refer to paragraph 1 to help you. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

	Statement	Plains zebras	Grevy's zebras
Example	They are the most famous of the three species of zebras.	✓	
Q37	They have similar stripe pattern on their body.		
Q38	They have stripes extended to their belly.		

39. Where are the Plains zebras found in Africa?

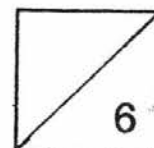
_____ [1m]

40. What do zebras have that enable them to escape from predators?

i. _____ [1m]

ii. _____ [1m]

41. With reference to lines 8 and 9, why do the male zebras run behind the young and female zebras? [1m]



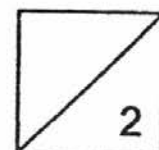
42. What does 'others' in line 9 refer to? [1m]

43. Tick ✓ the chosen answer.

Zebras are herbivores because they _____ . [1m]

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | grind their food |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | travel to look for food |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | eat grass as their main source of food |

END OF PAPER



EXAM PAPER 2016**LEVEL : PRIMARY 3****SCHOOL : RED SWASTIKA PRIMARY SCHOOL****SUBJECT : ENGLISH****TERM : SA1**

Q1	Q2	Q3
3	4	3
Q4	Q5	Q6
3	4	2
Q7	Q8	Q9
3	3	1
Q10	Q11	Q12
3	4	2
Q13	Q14	Q15
4	3	3
Q16	Q17	Q18
4	4	1

Q19	Q20	Q21
(D)	(F)	(E)
Q22	Q23	Q24
(C)	(C)	(E)
Q25	Q26	Q27
(A)	(F)	nervous
Q28	Q29	Q30
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Q31 The bag of sweets which was given by peter was heavy.

Q32 If he does not take his medicine, he will be ill.

Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36
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Example	They are the most famous of the three species of zebras.	Tick	
Q37	They have similar stripe pattern on their body.		Tick
Q38	They have stripes extended to their belly.	Tick	

Q39 grass lands

Q40 i) a keen sense of hearing.

ii) excellent eye sight.

Q41

Q42 male zebras

Q43

	grind their food
	travel to look for food
Tick	eat grass as their main source of food