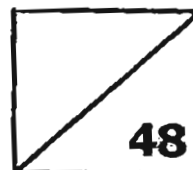




ROSYTH SCHOOL
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 3

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Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. **ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.**

	Maximum	Marks Obtained
Grammar & Vocabulary	28	
Comprehension Cloze	5	
Comprehension (MCQ)	5	
Comprehension (OE)	10	
Total	48	

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Section A: Grammar (14 marks)

For questions 1 to 6, choose the most suitable answer and write the number in the brackets provided. (6 x 1 mark)

1. "You should be proud of _____," Mrs Singham told her class of Primary Three pupils. "You have donated generously to help the less fortunate children in Vietnam."

- (1) herself (2) himself
(3) yourselves (4) themselves ()

2. Mother handed me _____ clean clothes to put on the sofa in the living room. She would fold them later.

- (1) this (2) these
(3) that (4) those ()

3. "This cloth bag is my favourite _____ Aunt Sophia made it specially for me before she went to Australia," said Joan to her classmate.

- (1) so (2) and
(3) when (4) because ()

4. _____ at the memorial service stood silent for one minute. They remembered those who had died when the Twin Towers collapsed in New York ten years ago.

- (1) Nobody (2) Anyone
(3) Somebody (4) Everyone ()

5. As the bus going to the zoo was crowded, _____ people had to stand for the entire journey.

- (1) few (2) little
(3) many (4) much ()

6. One of the twins _____ ^{television} in the living room when she heard a loud bang coming from the kitchen.

(1) is watching

(2) are watching

(3) was watching

(4) were watching

()

For questions 7 to 10, read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. USE A WORD ONCE ONLY. (4 x 1 mark)

(A) along	(B) up	(C) through
(D) over	(E) on	(F) in

There was once a place called Boring. The children (7) _____ this town studied all the time. After school, they would be busy doing their homework. There were no playgrounds at all.

One weekend, an old woman came to Boring to visit her granddaughter. As she was passing (8) _____ the crowded streets, she noticed that nobody smiled. When she saw her serious-looking granddaughter, the old lady decided to cheer her up. She said, "Mimi, there's something (9) _____ your chin. Let me rub it off." Then she tickled Mimi.

Startled, Mimi laughed as she tried to stop her grandmother. It was the first time she felt so light-hearted. "Oh Grandma, something is crawling (10) _____ your sleeve. Let me remove it," said Mimi with a twinkle in her eye. Grandma just smiled knowingly.

For questions 11 to 14, read the passage carefully. Write the correct form of the verb in each blank. (4 x 1 mark)

Pulau Ubin (Ubin Island) can be considered as the last 'kampung' (village) in Singapore. The legend of how the island (11) _____ (get) its name came about because of three animals.

Long ago, a pig, an elephant and a frog challenged each other to a race. They wanted to (12) _____ (see) who would reach the shore of Johore, Malaysia first. Whichever animal failed to reach the shore would be turned into a rock.

All three animals had difficulties swimming across the Straits of Johor. The frog was the first animal to be turned into a rock. He was (13) _____ (name) Pulau Seduku (Seduku Island) which has a large frog-shaped boulder. Both the pig and the elephant later (14) _____ (change) into one big rocky island, Pulau Ubin.

Section B: Vocabulary (14 marks)

For questions 15 to 20, choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided. (6 X 1 mark)

15. The _____ at the circus found the performances very entertaining.

(1) audience

(2) gathering

(3) assembly

(4) spectators

()

16. The houses in the Mekong Delta region are built on _____ so that they will not be flooded during the heavy monsoon rains.

- (1) stilts (2) logs
(3) sticks (4) planks ()

17. Many relatives remark that I _____ my father as I am tall and lanky like him.

- (1) take on (2) take up
(3) take after (4) take off ()

18. Mother _____ her crying toddler by giving her a bottle of milk.

- (1) tamed (2) pacified
(3) settled (4) relieved ()

19. "It is _____ to exercise immediately after having a full meal," the doctor advised Uncle Tong.

- (1) unwise (2) unhelpful
(3) unbearable (4) unacceptable ()

20. Perry hung his head in shame when he _____ to Mother that he had hit his little brother.

- (1) denied (2) declared
(3) complained (4) confessed ()

For questions 21 to 28, read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to M) in each blank. The letter "I" has been omitted to avoid confusion. USE EACH WORD ONLY ONCE. (8 X 1 mark)

(A) shook	(B) list	(C) foolish	(D) scratch
(E) chatting	(F) shrugged	(G) worried	(H) progress
(J) impressed	(K) brainstorming	(L) panicked	(M) bright

Dear Diary,

Today, we got our holiday assignment and guess what? We have to design a robot. At first, everybody was (21) _____ because we thought we had to build a robot from (22) _____. However, Mr Darnell told us we didn't have to. We just needed to come up with ideas for what our robot might look like and how it might help us.

Then he left the room and we were on our own. We started (23) _____ right away. I wrote down many ideas on the whiteboard. Everybody was (24) _____ with my ideas which came easily to me — all I had to do was to list the things I hated to do.

Unfortunately, a few girls went to the front of the classroom and erased what I had written. They had some ideas of their own and drew up their own (25) _____. They wanted to invent a robot that would be able to do their needlework. As the boys thought this was a (26) _____ idea, we split up into two groups, girls and boys, and wrote on two pieces of paper.

Just before the bell rang, Mr Darnell returned to the room to check on our (27) _____. He picked up the pieces of paper we were writing on and read them over. He (28) _____ his head and sighed. Our ideas were not up to his expectations so Mr Darnell gave us another task instead.

Adapted from "Diary of a Wimpy Kid"

Section C: Comprehension Cloze (5 marks)

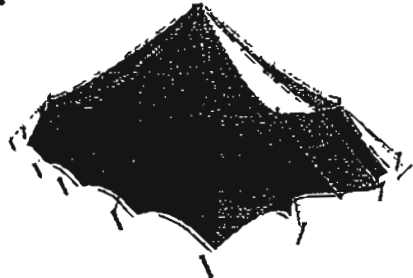
For questions 29 to 33, read the passage carefully. Fill in each of the blanks with the most suitable word. (5 x 1 mark)

Timmy was the smallest boy in Primary 3A. He was as (29) _____ as a stick and many classmates teased him and called him unkind names. He was also sickly and was frequently (30) _____ from school due to his illnesses.

One day, during recess, Timmy was queueing at his favourite noodle stall when two bigger-sized pupils rudely (31) _____ him out of the queue. He trembled in (32) _____ and his knees knocked against each other. A prefect on duty saw what had happened and went to Timmy's aid. He (33) _____ them off and threatened to report them to the discipline master. They apologised to Timmy who was very grateful to the prefect for helping him.

Section D: Comprehension (MCQ) (5 marks)
Read the following information carefully.

Speak Good English Carnival



Venue: Jurong Regional Library
Date: 10 & 11 September 2011
Time: 10.00am to 6.00 p.m.

Lots of games to play, prizes to be won and many exciting programmes for the entire family.

For Children Only (6-12 years old)

- Interactive storytelling sessions by the Librarians and Ronald McDonald
- Book-signing session by the authors of *The Diary of Amos Lee* and *Ellie Belly*
- Listen to familiar fairy tales with a twist with the storytellers from White Sands Primary School
- Venue: Basement
- Time: 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

For Young Adults Only (16-21 years old)

- Enjoy an afternoon of live music by our own local bands
- Manga Art demonstrations by the hottest superstar *manga-ka* (artists) Tite Kubo
- One session of free hip-hop dance lesson at Hougang Sports Hub if you sign up for premier membership at the National Library Board. Cost: \$10 per year
- Venue: Level 4
- Time: 2.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

For Everyone

- Needlework and craft activities for parents and children organised by Modern Montessori International
- Test how well you know your spelling at the game booth and win attractive prizes
- Meet and greet Sharity Elephant and get your photo taken for free at these times: 1pm, 3pm and 5pm.
- Venue: Level 1
- Time: 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

For questions 34 to 38, choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided. (5 X 1 mark)

34. The Speak Good English Carnival is held at _____.

- (1) Hougang Sports Hub
- (2) National Library Board
- (3) Jurong Regional Library
- (4) White Sands Primary School ()

35. Parents and their young children can _____ together.

- (1) listen to live music
- (2) learn hip-hop dance
- (3) do needlework and craft work
- (4) watch a manga art demonstration ()

36. If you arrived at the carnival at 3p.m, you can get a free _____.

- (1) autograph from any author
- (2) hip-hop dance lesson
- (3) photograph taken with Sharity Elephant
- (4) premier membership with the National Library Board ()

37. My 17-year old sister was only free to go to the carnival after 5p.m. so she could only visit the _____.

- (1) spelling booth
- (2) book signing session
- (3) interactive story-telling booth
- (4) live music session by local bands ()

38. Samuel, a budding artist, would love to meet _____ at the Carnival.

- (1) Sharity Elephant
- (2) Tite Kubo
- (3) Ellie Belly
- (4) Ronald McDonald ()

Section E: Comprehension (Open-Ended)

Read the following passage carefully. Write the answers for questions 39 to 43 in complete sentences. (5 x 2 marks)

Long ago, a merchant named Ali wished to travel and see the world. Before he left, he gave a jar containing 1000 gold coins to his friend, Musa, to keep safely in a warehouse. His friend did not know about the gold coins as Ali had covered them with olives and sealed the jar.

One day, Musa's wife wanted to eat some olives with the meat she had prepared for dinner. Musa remembered Ali's jar of olives and opened it although his wife told him not to. The olives had become rotten. As Musa was throwing them away, a few gold coins rolled out of the jar. He was surprised and excited, and decided to keep the gold coins for himself. However, he did not tell his wife about it.

After six years, Ali returned home only to find the jar filled with olives but no gold coins. Musa denied taking the gold coins so Ali brought him before the judge. Unfortunately, the judge believed Musa who was dressed in fine clothes instead of Ali, who was dressed like a poor man. How could he possibly own 1000 gold coins?

Ali then decided to present his case before the Caliph, a kind and just ruler who cared for his people. The Caliph would often disguise himself so that he could walk the streets at night to see how his people lived. That night, he saw a group of boys in the marketplace, acting out Ali's case. The Caliph was very impressed with Jamil, one of the boys who acted as the judge. He invited Jamil to act as the judge in the great hall the next day.

At first, Jamil was shy and afraid but the Caliph encouraged him. Jamil proved that Musa had actually stolen the gold coins. The thief was the only one who could have replaced the rotten olives with fresh ones.

Musa had to confess his dishonest act. He returned the gold coins and was sent to jail. The Caliph removed the judge from the court and rewarded Jamil with 100 pieces of gold. The happiest of all was Ali.

(Adapted from 'The Jar of Olives')

39. What did Ali put in the jar before he travelled to see the world?

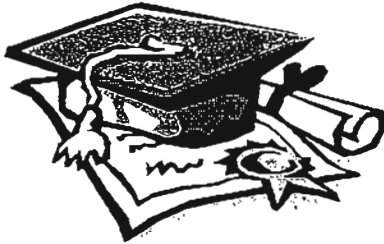
40. What does 'it' in line 9 refer to?

41. Which word in paragraph 3 of the passage has the same meaning as 'did not admit'?

42. Did the judge believe that Ali owned the gold coins? Why?

43. Give 2 reasons why Ali was the happiest of all.



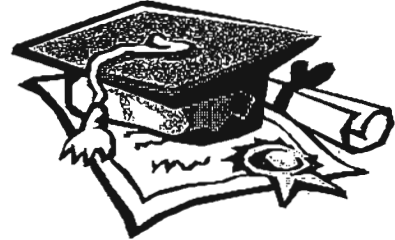


ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2011

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TERM : SA2



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3	2	4	4	3	3	F	C	E	B			

11)got 12)see 13)named 14)Changed

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29)skinny 30)absent 31)pushed 32)tear 33)told

34)3 35)3 36)3 37)4 38)2

39)There were 1000 gold coins and a lives in the jar.

40)"It" refers to Musa keeping the gold coins for himself.

41)The word is 'denied'.

42)The judge did not believe Ali owned the gold coins. Ali dressed like a pool man while Musa was dressed in find clothes.

43)The caliph removed the judge from the court and Musa returned the gold coins to Ale.