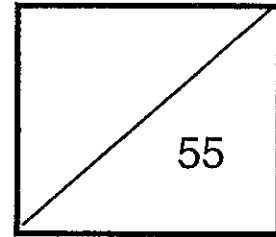




HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
2012 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION ONE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY THREE



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CLASS: 3 _____

Duration of Paper: 1h 15min

Section A: Vocabulary (8 x 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.
Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

1. Muhammad gave Aaron some _____ to the movie 'Lorax'.

- 1) certificates
- 2) invitations
- 3) receipts
- 4) tickets

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2. Gary loves to visit the _____ in the museums.

- 1) artists
- 2) galleries
- 3) paintings
- 4) photographs

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3. After Grandma had put the clothes into the washing machine, she poured in some _____

- 1) chemicals
- 2) detergent
- 3) fluid
- 4) lubricants

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4. Clara looked through her _____ to get a closer view of the marching contingent at the National Day Parade.

- 1) binoculars
- 2) magnifying glass
- 3) microscope
- 4) telescope ()

5. Axel washed the _____ of grapes before he served them to the guests.

- 1) bunch
- 2) comb
- 3) sack
- 4) string ()

6. Elaine and her sister saw many beautiful corals when they went scuba diving in the _____.

- 1) lagoon
- 2) pond
- 3) reef
- 4) swamp ()

7. The _____ of giraffes was munching some leaves in the plains when a gunshot shattered the silence.

- 1) flock
- 2) herd
- 3) school
- 4) swarm ()

8. Sonya tiptoed _____ into the room, so she would not wake her father up.

- 1) carelessly
- 2) clumsily
- 3) noisily
- 4) quietly ()

Section B: Grammar (8 x 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

9. There _____ mice feeding on grains in the barn.
1) is
2) are
3) has
4) have ()
10. Shawn is _____ late for his classes. He is very punctual.
1) always
2) often
3) sometimes
4) seldom ()
11. The helicopter hovered _____ the flood waters.
1) above
2) between
3) in
4) through ()
12. The abandoned shed is as _____ as it was described by Annabel.
1) eerie
2) eerier
3) eeriest
4) more eerie ()

13. "Children, you need to do this _____ . No one should ask for help." instructed Mrs. David.
- 1) myself
 - 2) themselves
 - 3) yourself
 - 4) yourselves
- ()
14. Mummy gave Ryan too _____ rice for dinner. He cannot finish all of it.
- 1) few
 - 2) little
 - 3) many
 - 4) much
- ()
15. Devi inherited her late _____ properties when they weré killed in a car accident.
- 1) uncle
 - 2) uncles
 - 3) uncle's
 - 4) uncles'
- ()
16. During the swimming carnival which was held last month, the swimmers _____ to warm up before their events.
- 1) has
 - 2) have
 - 3) had
 - 4) having
- ()

Section C: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the story and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in the brackets and shade them on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

It was a sunny morning. Jim and Nancy decided to visit a forest reserve. It was a hive of activity. They saw colourful butterflies fluttering among the beautiful flowers, birds chirping in the trees and small animals like squirrels and rats scampering away to forage. What fascinated them was the abundance of wild mushrooms which dotted the ground under a shady tree.

Nancy shouted, "Look, brother, mushrooms! Yummy! Let's pick some for dinner!" Just as Nancy was about to pick the mushrooms, they heard a loud frightening sound. They quickly hid behind a tree.

It was a wild pig's grunt. Without warning, the boar dashed past them. Nancy screamed, "Oh dear! Let's get out of this horrible place!" Nancy turned and fled for her life. Fearing for their safety, Jim followed suit.

Finally, they managed to leave the forest reserve. Panting and puffing, Jim looked wearily behind him for any sign of wild animals in their pursuit.

17. Why did Jim and Nancy visit the forest reserve?

They wanted to _____.

- 1) enjoy nature
- 2) catch a wild boar
- 3) play hide-and-seek
- 4) catch some butterflies

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18. When Jim and Nancy saw fluttering butterflies, beautiful flowers, birds and scampering small animals, they were already _____.

- 1) behind a tree
- 2) under a shady tree
- 3) in the forest reserve
- 4) out of the forest reserve

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19. Nancy wanted to pick the wild mushrooms as _____.

- 1) she wanted to eat them
- 2) they were free of charge
- 3) there was no one around
- 4) there were some of them in the forest reserve

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20. Why did Jim feel uneasy after leaving the forest reserve?

- 1) Nancy was not with him.
- 2) He was feeling breathless.
- 3) They did not manage to pick any mushrooms.
- 4) Wild animals might have followed them out of the reserve.

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21. How are Jim and Nancy related?

They are _____.

- 1) sisters
- 2) friends
- 3) siblings
- 4) brothers

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Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage below. Choose the most suitable word from the box and fill in the blanks. Use each word ONCE only.

fed	food	birth	stays
produced	breathe	size	grows

Most people are fascinated with whales and would long to see one up close.

Whales are mammals. Like man, they (22) _____ in air so they must come to the surface at regular intervals. They also give (23) _____ to their young alive. The young calf (24) _____ with its mother for over a year, feeding on the milk (25) _____ by its mother. Whales vary in (26) _____ from the nine-metre minke whale to the thirty-metre blue whale which often weighs as much as 150 tonnes.

Wildlife experts say that whales are in danger of extinction today due to over hunting.



Section E: Grammar Cloze

Part I (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage below. Choose the most suitable word from the box and fill in the blanks. Use each word ONCE only.

I	me	you
he	they	she

The children were sharing their holiday plans with their teacher, Mrs Liu. Mrs Liu asked them where (27) _____ were going for their holiday.

"Well, my mum wants to go to Australia because (28) _____ wants to visit her sister who lives in Brisbane but my dad wants to go to Penang and enjoy the beach," said Elijah. "So (29) _____ don't know where we will go."

"My cousins went to Australia last year and stayed on a farm. They showed (30) _____ their photos! It was awesome. I wish I can visit the farms in Australia too!" said Grace.

"Where are (31) _____ going, Mrs Liu?" asked the children.

"I am going to stay home and rest," replied Mrs Liu.



Part II (5 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Fill in the blanks with the most suitable word.

The Beast had invited all the princesses to a ball. Sleeping Beauty entered the ballroom (32) _____ eight o'clock. She danced with the Beast (33) _____ her feet hurt. As the clock struck midnight, her face became pale white. Sleeping Beauty fled and jumped (34) _____ the gate.

The Beast told his guests in dismay that he had to find his true love (35) _____ May. However, the next day, Sleeping Beauty was asked to put (36) _____ the shoe and it fitted her perfectly. The Beast and Sleeping Beauty wed in church on that very day!



Section F: Editing (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Each of the underlined words contains a spelling error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes.

Caliou needed a costume for Halloween. His mother decided to sew one for him.

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She first poured some chamicles on a piece of cloth to bleach it to the correct shade.

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Then she took out her tread and needle kit and started sewing needle-like prikeis to the

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back. Caliou loved his Gruffalo costume. "Quick, Dad, take a photograf of my costume!"

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"Careful, son, you do not want to damage it before the party!" warned his father.

Caliou could not wait to show off his costume to his friends.



Section G: Synthesis (2 x 2 marks)

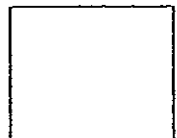
Rewrite the following pairs of sentences as one sentence without changing the original meaning.

42. Peter put on his hat. It was a hot day.

As _____

43. Celeste wants to do well in her examination. Yanyi wants to do well in her examination.

Both _____



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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions in complete sentences.

One day, a poor man, who had only one piece of bread to eat, was walking past a restaurant. There was a large pot of soup on the table. The poor man held his bread over the soup, so the steam from the soup went into the bread, and gave it a good smell. Then he ate the bread.

The restaurant owner was very angry at this. He asked the man for money in exchange for the steam from the soup. The poor man had no money, so the restaurant owner took him to Nasreddin, who was a judge at that time. Nasreddin thought about the case for a little while.

Then he took some money from his pocket. He held the coins next to the restaurant owner's ear and shook them so that they made a jingling noise.

"What was that?" asked the restaurant owner.

"That was payment for you," answered Nasreddin.

"What do you mean? That was just the sound of coins!" protested the restaurant owner.

"The sound of the coins is payment for the smell of the soup," answered Nasreddin. "Now go back to your restaurant."

(<http://web2.uvcs.uvic.ca/elc/studyzone/330/reading/smell1.htm>)

44. What did the poor man see when he walked past the restaurant?

45. What did the poor man do to his bread before eating it?

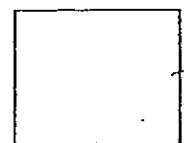
46. Why did the restaurant owner take the poor man to Nasreddin?

47. What was the payment for the smell of the soup?

48. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'expressed objection'?

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ANSWER SHEET

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Section A: Vocabulary							
1. (4)	2. (2)	3. (2)	4. (1)	5. (1)	6. (3)	7. (2)	8. (4)

Section B: Grammar							
9. (2)	10. (4)	11. (1)	12. (1)	13. (4)	14. (4)	15. (4)	16. (3)

Section C: Comprehension MCQ				
17. (1)	18. (3)	19. (1)	20. (4)	21. (3)

Section D: Vocabulary Cloze				
22. breathe	23. birth	24. stays	25. produced	26. size

Section E: Grammar Cloze							
27. they	28. she	29. I	30. me	31. you	32. at	33. until	34. over
35. in	36. on						

Section F: Editing			
37. chemicals	38. threads	39. prickles	40. photograph
41. damage			

Section G: Synthesis	
42	As it was a hot day, Peter put on his hat.
43	Both Celeste and Yanyi want to do well in their examinations.

Section H: Comprehension (Open-ended)	
44	Q: What did the poor man see when he walked past the restaurant? A: He saw a large pot of soup on the table of a restaurant.
45	Q: What did the poor man do to his bread before eating it?

	A: He held his bread over the soup so the steam went into the bread which gave it a good smell.
46	Q: Why did the restaurant owner take the poor man to Nasreddin?
	A: He wanted Nesreddin to be his judge.
47	Q: What was the payment for the smell of the soup?
	A: The payment was the jingling sound of coins from Nesreddin, the judge.
48	Q: Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'expressed objection'?
	A: The word is 'protested'.