

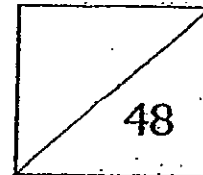


**ROSYTH SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 (2012)
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 3**

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Class: Pr 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	

* This paper consists of 10 pages altogether.

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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 cannot talk to your classmates once the examination has _____,"
Mdm Salmah reminded her pupils.
- (1) start (2) starts
(3) started (4) starting ()
2. _____ can learn to play football but it takes hard work and commitment to be a professional player.
- (1) Nobody (2) Anyone
(3) Someone (4) Somebody ()
3. You have to drink water _____ times during the day when the weather is very hot," Devi advised her little sister.
- (1) few (2) little
(3) many (4) much ()
4. Shareen could not finish her school project during the school holidays _____ she had spent the time playing computer games.
- (1) so (2) and
(3) before (4) because ()
5. Ronnie and his brother are excited about their trip to Disneyland in June. _____ cannot wait to meet Mickey Mouse.
- (1) I (2) We
(3) She (4) They ()

6. "The children are doing their homework now, _____ they?" asked Mrs Toh.

(1) aren't

(2) isn't

(3) wasn't

(4) weren't

()

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) into
(D) under

(B) in
(E) on

(C) above
(F) through

The earthworm is a marvelous creature although it has no eyes or ears. It lives (7) _____ the ground and is very strong for its size. It can move stones around as it moves (8) _____ the soil. The earthworm digs large tunnels which let water and air (9) _____ the soil. It does not have any teeth but can eat leaves, fungi and animal remains as it swallows soil. It excretes waste matter which are left in little piles (10) _____ top of the ground. These piles, known as castings, are excellent as fertiliser which keep the soil fertile.

Adapted from
Earthworms (2003) www.kidcyber.com.au

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

Six blind men visited the zoo to find out what an elephant was like. The first man approached the elephant and (11) _____ (touch) its broad and sturdy side. "The elephant is like a wall!" he announced.

The second man, feeling the elephant's smooth and sharp tusk cried, "The elephant is like a spear!"

The third man happened to (12) _____ (grab) the elephant's squirming trunk. He said, "The elephant is like a snake!"

The fourth man reached out his eager hand and felt the elephant's huge knee. "What a wondrous beast. This animal (13) _____ (feel) like a tree trunk!"

The fifth man who (14) _____ (stand) by the elephant's ear, remarked, "This marvelous animal is like a fan!"

The sixth man held on to the elephant's swinging tail and said, "The elephant is like a rope!"

All six men thought each knew what an elephant looked like. All were wrong!

Adapted from a poem by John Godfrey Saxe (1816-1887)

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 teacher _____ the student severely for bullying his classmate.
(1) yelled (2) reprimanded
(3) reminded (4) questioned ()
16. After much effort, the salesgirl finally _____ many customers to buy her household products.
(1) sneered (2) converted
(3) convinced (4) allowed ()
17. The mischievous boy learnt his lesson after getting lost in the mall. It was a _____ experience.
(1) pleasant (2) marvellous
(3) harmful (4) frightful ()
18. When Mdm Tan retired, she was awarded a _____ for long service as a cleaner in the school.
(1) trophy (2) plaque
(3) prize (4) bench ()
19. The couple managed to _____ the crying baby with a soothing lullaby.
(1) pacify (2) tame
(3) upset (4) irritate ()
20. Please throw away those _____ flowers in the vase. I will buy fresh ones at the market today.
(1) faded (2) withered
(3) stale (4) wrinkled ()

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) largest	(B) sticks	(C) shake	(D) pile
(E) stilts	(F) longest	(G) leap	(H) flooded
(J) buried	(K) place	(L) prick	(M) floats

During the December vacation, my family and I took a trip to the Mekong River in Vietnam. The Mekong River is one of the (21) _____ rivers in the world. The wooden houses are built on (22) _____ over the Mekong River. This is to ensure that the houses would not be (23) _____ when the big rains come and river levels rise.

The people living there use old rusty bicycles for transportation. However, when families go out together, they (24) _____ into large boats to visit their friends and relatives.

The children spend their leisure playing in the water. Those who are unable to swim use large coconuts as (25) _____.

The villagers have a special way of plucking mangoes. They use long bamboo poles with a hook at one end to (26) _____ the branches until one or two mangoes tumble to the ground.

The riverbank is the perfect (27) _____ to go for a holiday. It is fun to (28) _____ off a bridge into the cool water on a hot day. The Mekong River is special because there is no other river in the world like it.

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)

Megan pushed open the door gently. She peeped into her sister's
(29) _____ Her sister was soundly asleep in her bed. This was the
(30) _____ time to carry out her plan.

Megan took a deep (31) _____ and slowly tiptoed towards her sister's
bed. She (32) _____ forward and quietly placed a present beside her sister's
pillow. It was her sister's birthday the next day and she wanted to give her sister a pleasant
(33) _____ when she woke up. Megan hoped her sister would like her surprise.

Section D: Comprehension (MCQ) (5 marks)

Read the following passage carefully.

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One day, the fox organised a race and let everyone know that his favourite participant was the penguin. Everyone thought it was a joke but the big-headed kangaroo became very angry. He ridiculed the penguin even more than usual. The penguin did not want to take part in the race but had to do so as it was a tradition. 5

On the day of the race, the penguin approached the starting line and joined a group of animals behind the fox. He led them up the mountain. Everyone made fun of the penguin, commenting whether he would roll or slide down down the mountain on his fat belly. 10

When they reached the top of the mountain, they were dumbfounded. There was a lake. At this point, the fox gave the starting signal. He said, "First animal to the other side, wins".

The penguin, excited, waddled clumsily to the water's edge. Once he was in the water, his speed was unbeatable. He won the race by a long distance. Meanwhile, the kangaroo barely managed to reach the other side of the lake. He was tearful, humiliated and half-drowned. 15

The penguin had learned a lot from his suffering and instead of ridiculing the kangaroo, he offered to teach him how to swim. For the rest of the day, the animals enjoyed themselves, playing in the lake. The one who enjoyed himself the most was the fox, who, with his cleverness, had managed to bring the kangaroo down a peg or two. 20

(Adapted from Bedtime Stories)

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

34. Why was the kangaroo arrogant and nasty?

He _____.

- (1) was a good athlete
- (2) liked to make fun of the penguin
- (3) spent a lot of time making fun of others
- (4) liked to compete with the penguin in a race ()

35. What does the word 'Everyone' in line 5 refer to?

It refers to the _____.

- (1) the kangaroo
- (2) the kangaroo and the penguin
- (3) the kangaroo, the penguin and the fox
- (4) the kangaroo, the penguin and the other animals ()

36. Why did the penguin feel excited?

He _____.

- (1) could swim
- (2) liked to waddle
- (3) was confident of winning the race
- (4) wanted to teach the kangaroo a lesson ()

37. Why did the penguin not make fun of the kangaroo?

He _____.

- (1) knew how terrible it felt to be ridiculed
- (2) wanted to teach the kangaroo how to swim
- (3) was waiting for an opportunity to make fun of the kangaroo
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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)

One fine evening, a young princess took a walk in the forest and rested by a pond. She had in her hand, a golden ball that she always carried with her. She liked to toss it in the air and catch it. She had thrown and caught the ball a few times when she threw the ball so high that it fell into the deep water. She began to cry, "If I could only get my ball back, I would give everything that I have in this world." 5

Whilst she was speaking, a frog put his head out of the water and asked, 'Princess, why do you weep so bitterly?'

"What can you do for me, you ugly frog? My golden ball has fallen into the pond!" the princess wept.

The frog replied, 'I do not want your wealth! If you will love me and let me live with you, I will bring back your ball.' 10

The princess readily agreed. The frog dove deep under the water and retrieved her ball. As soon as she picked the ball, the princess ran home happily, forgetting her promise to the frog. It called out to her but in vain.

The next day, just as the princess had sat down for dinner, she heard a strange noise. Something was coming up the marble staircase. Then there was a gentle knock at the door and a little voice cried out, "Open the door, my princess dear. Your true love is here." 15

The princess ran to the door and saw the frog. Frightened that it had managed to find her, she quickly shut the door. The king, seeing that something had frightened his daughter, asked her what was the matter. After she had told him what had happened at the pond, he said, "As you have given your word, you must keep it. Let the frog in." 20

The princess placed the frog on a cushion in her room. The next morning she was astonished to see, instead of the frog, a handsome face staring at her!

39. What was the princess' favourite toy?

40. Why did the ball fall into the pond?

41. Which phrase in the fifth paragraph has the same meaning as "it was useless"?

42. What kind of a man was the king? Why?

43. What do you think happened to the frog the next morning?

ANSWER SHEET

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Section A: Grammar							
1. (3)	2. (2)	3. (3)	4. (4)	5. (4)	6. (1)	7. B	8. F
9. A	10. E	11. touched		12. grab	13. feels	14. stood	

Section B: Vocabulary							
15. (2)	16. (3)	17. (4)	18. (2)	19. (1)	20. (2)	21. F	22. E
23. H	24. D	25. M	26. C	27. K	28. G		

Section C: Comprehension Cloze				
29. room	30. best	31. breath	32. stepped	33. surprise

Section D: Comprehension MCQ				
34. (1)	35. (4)	36. (3)	37. (1)	38. (1)

Section E: Comprehension (Open-Ended)	
39	Q: What was the princess' favourite toy? A: It was a golden ball.
40	Q: Why did the ball fall into the pond? A: The princess could not catch it after tossing it too high in the air and the ball landed in the pond.
41	Q: Which phrase in the fifth paragraph has the same meaning as "it was useless"? A: The phrase is "in vain".
42	Q: What kind of a man was the king? Why? A: He was a fair man who told the princess that she had to keep her promise.
43	Q: What do you think happened to the frog the next morning? A: The frog had turned into a man.

