



PRIMARY 3 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2012

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Class : Primary 3 ()

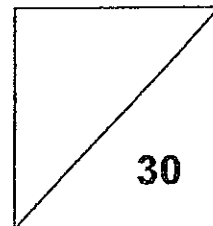
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your name, class and register number.
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5. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.



Section A (5 x 1m)

Graphic Stimulus

Study the following advertisement and answer questions 1 to 5.

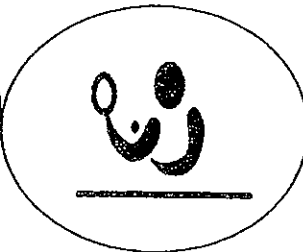
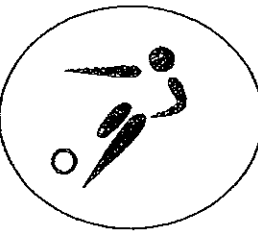
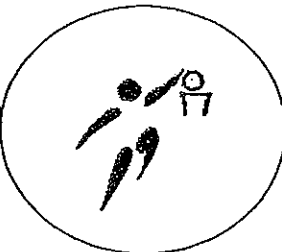
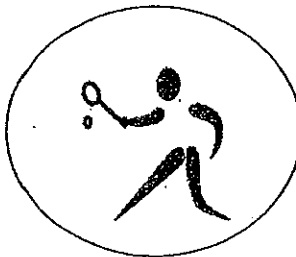
Community Games

Brought to you by
Sapphire Community Sports Club

Check out the new classes below!
Stay healthy & fit while you enjoy these wonderful sports!

JUNE - AUGUST 2012

Sport	Day/Time	Instructor	Venue
Basketball	Friday 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.	Jeremy	Basketball Court
Table Tennis	Saturday 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Jia Wei	Foyer
Football	Sunday 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.	Fandi	Field
Badminton	Saturday 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.	Yudi	Multi-purpose Hall



Fee:

Adult (above 18 years old) : \$20 (member) \$25 (non-member)
Child (7 - 18 years old) : \$10 (member) \$15 (non-member)

- Registration starts on 2 May 2012
- Register at our reception counter
- For enquiries, call 6818 2838
or email www.scsc.com.

Sponsors :



Active
Community
Centre



Global
Shop



Extreme
Club

Early Bird Special !
Get a free T-shirt or
a free towel set if you
register before
15 May 2012

Closing date for registration: 25 May 2012

For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. The organiser of Community Games is _____.
 - (1) Global Shop
 - (2) Extreme Club
 - (3) Active Community Centre
 - (4) Sapphire Community Sports Club

2. Li Ming is only free on Saturday evening. He can only sign up for _____.
 - (1) football
 - (2) basketball
 - (3) badminton
 - (4) table tennis

3. If you have signed up for the class conducted by Jeremy, the lessons are held at the _____.
 - (1) field
 - (2) foyer
 - (3) basketball court
 - (4) multi-purpose hall

4. Which one of the following statements is true?
 - (1) If you register on 15 May 2012, you will get a free towel.
 - (2) One can register for the sports by emailing the organiser.
 - (3) To register for any of the classes, one can do so at Active Community Centre.
 - (4) Members of Sapphire Community Sports Club enjoy special rates if they sign up for the sports.

5. The main aim of this advertisement is to _____.
 - (1) encourage the public to exercise
 - (2) give away free T-shirts and towel sets
 - (3) spend more time on outdoor activities
 - (4) promote Sapphire Community Sports Club

Section B (10 x 1m)

Grammar

For each question from 6 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

6. Peter left the house in a hurry. He _____ not remember if he had locked the main door properly.
- (1) will
 - (2) must
 - (3) could
 - (4) should
7. John did not realise that the game was so interesting _____ he got to play it.
- (1) so
 - (2) until
 - (3) unless
 - (4) although
8. To avoid being discovered by the burglar, Sue quickly hid _____ the bed.
- (1) on
 - (2) over
 - (3) under
 - (4) through
9. "Save the Earth. You are using too _____ paper!" Mother reminded me.
- (1) few
 - (2) little
 - (3) much
 - (4) many
10. "Did Alex _____ Miss Chen for permission to leave the classroom?" the class monitor asked.
- (1) ask
 - (2) asks
 - (3) asked
 - (4) asking

11. Benny, as well as his sisters, _____ absent from school yesterday.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
12. Tom was the _____ of the twins at playing badminton.
- (1) best
 - (2) worst
 - (3) good
 - (4) better
13. Siti was washing dishes in the kitchen when the telephone _____.
- (1) ring
 - (2) rings
 - (3) rang
 - (4) ringing
14. With a huge puff, Ming Yu blew _____ the lighted candles after the birthday song was sung.
- (1) up
 - (2) off
 - (3) out
 - (4) into
15. _____ fish in the pond over there were fed by me just now.
- (1) This
 - (2) That
 - (3) These
 - (4) Those

Section C (10 x 1m)

Vocabulary

For each question from 16 to 25, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. At the assembly, the principal _____ Rosie a trophy for winning the Annual Writing Competition.
- (1) awarded
 - (2) rewarded
 - (3) commended
 - (4) congratulated
17. "I never want to come here again," David kept _____ under his breath as he walked away by himself.
- (1) pleading
 - (2) muttering
 - (3) squealing
 - (4) chattering
18. As we were not sure of the way to Bedok Town, we referred to _____.
- (1) an atlas
 - (2) a dictionary
 - (3) a street directory
 - (4) an encyclopaedia
19. To his horror, Mr Osman noticed that one of the ceiling fans was spinning _____.
- (1) severely
 - (2) critically
 - (3) carelessly
 - (4) dangerously
20. As the witnesses were afraid of the illegal moneylender, no one went forward to _____ against him in court.
- (1) proof
 - (2) testify
 - (3) argue
 - (4) witness

21. As quick as lightning, the children _____ out of the classroom when the fire alarm sounded.
- (1) ambled
 - (2) sprinted
 - (3) rambled
 - (4) sauntered
22. The loud scream in the middle of the night sent a _____ down my spine.
- (1) tremor
 - (2) quaver
 - (3) shudder
 - (4) vibration
23. Mr Tan heard a noise in the kitchen, so he decided to _____ what or who was making the sound.
- (1) detect
 - (2) analyse
 - (3) examine
 - (4) investigate
24. Even though Kai Ling and Sue could not see eye to eye, they decided to partner each other _____.
- (1) guiltily
 - (2) regretfully
 - (3) reluctantly
 - (4) menacingly
25. The wanted criminal wore a wig to _____ himself as a woman in order to pass through the gate.
- (1) amuse
 - (2) change
 - (3) disguise
 - (4) deceive

Section D (5 x 1m)

Comprehension MCQ

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30. Your answer must be based on the passage.

"It's a time machine, Amos!" Uncle Joe said excitedly. "You can travel back through time! You will get to meet Cleopatra, Napoleon, Mozart..."

Unfortunately, **Amos did not share Uncle Joe's excitement.** He was sure that this was another of his uncle's crazy inventions - just like the Flying Backpack that was supposed to make one fly. It sputtered smoke and gave off a very strange smell. The Intelligent Bicycle that was supposed to drive itself did not work either. It ended up crashing into the wall instead. It was a good thing no one was riding the bicycle at that time!

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Amos shook his head. Then he heard his uncle say, "We could even get to see dinosaurs, like the T Rex." His uncle had caught his attention. Amos decided he had nothing to lose by getting into the machine with Uncle Joe.

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"Wonderful!" Uncle Joe exclaimed. "It's always great to have someone to travel with." Uncle Joe flipped a bunch of switches on the machine. It started humming. Amos felt a weird feeling of being pulled through a tube. Then, there was a loud sound. Finally, it stopped abruptly. **This** caused both Amos and his uncle to fall off the machine. They found themselves sitting on what looked like silvery water. The sky was an unusual green.

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"Where are we?" Amos asked, looking around curiously to see if they had arrived in the Dinosaur Land. Somehow he did not think they had gone back to the days of the dinosaurs.

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Adapted from 'Back to Dinosaur Land'

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

26. Who invented the time machine?

- (1) Amos
- (2) Mozart
- (3) Uncle Joe
- (4) Napoleon

27. In paragraph 2, the phrase '**Amos did not share Uncle Joe's excitement**' tells us that _____.

- (1) Amos did not like Cleopatra
- (2) Amos did not ride on the Intelligent Bicycle
- (3) Amos was not eager to ride in the Flying Backpack
- (4) Amos was not interested in his uncle's latest invention

28. Why did Amos change his mind and decide to ride in the machine?

- (1) He did not want to lose out to Uncle Joe.
- (2) He wanted to catch his uncle's attention.
- (3) He wanted to see dinosaurs, like the T Rex.
- (4) He did not want to let his uncle travel alone.

29. The word '**This**' in line 17 refers to _____.

- (1) the sudden stop of the machine
- (2) the loud sound made by the machine
- (3) Amos and his uncle falling off the machine
- (4) Amos and his uncle being pulled through a tube

30. According to the passage, which statement is false?

- (1) Amos liked dinosaurs.
- (2) The Flying Backpack was one of Uncle Joe's inventions.
- (3) Uncle Joe was glad to have Amos with him in the time machine.
- (4) The time machine took Amos and his uncle to the Dinosaur Land.



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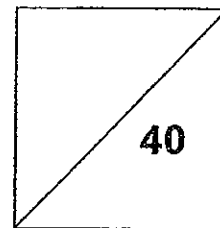
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2 (BOOKLET B)



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Section E (5 x 1m)

Grammar Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct answer from the words in the box. Write its letter (A to K) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) of	(B) by	(C) upon	(D) it's	(E) if
(F) its	(G) about	(H) to	(J) through	(K) with

Total Defence Day falls on February 15. To commemorate this special day, the Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) will be sounding the "Important Message" signal **(31)** _____ the islandwide Public Warning System (PWS) at 12.05 p.m.

Members of the public are advised not to be alarmed by the minute-long signal, which is characterised by pulsating blasts. This sounding exercise is part of **(32)** _____ continuous efforts to familiarise the public **(33)** _____ the three PWS signals. SCDF also hopes to raise the public's awareness on how they should react **(34)** _____ hearing each signal.

The other two signals are the "Alarm" and the "All Clear" signals, which are characterised by wailing blasts and continuous blasts respectively. Members of the public are encouraged to learn more **(35)** _____ the PWS signals and other ways of handling emergencies by visiting the SCDF website at www.scdf.gov.sg.

Adapted from ST, 13 February 2012

Section F (8 x 1m)

Comprehension Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words below in the box. Write its letter (A to K) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) attack	(B) breathe	(C) marine	(D) propel	(E) level
(F) alert	(G) surface	(H) communicate	(J) missions	(K) reason

Did you know that dolphins belong to the whale family? Dolphins are a kind of whale known as toothed whales. They are **(36)** _____ mammals that live mostly in shallow seas and feed on a variety of fish.

Dolphins are very fast swimmers. They have tail fins called flukes that are designed to **(37)** _____ them through the water. Like all whales, dolphins **(38)** _____ through a blowhole on top of their heads. They can hold their breath underwater for about twenty minutes before having to come to the **(39)** _____ to breathe. Most dolphins have excellent hearing. They use different sound waves to **(40)** _____ with each other.

Dolphins are highly intelligent. They are friendly and playful with no intention to **(41)** _____ humans. In fact, they love to play with humans and possess a high ability to learn quickly. This is the **(42)** _____ for the many marine parks that have dolphin shows.

There are many interesting stories about dolphins, especially touching are those on "human rescue" **(43)** _____. When a dolphin meets someone who is drowning, it will lift up that person and drag him to shallow waters near the coast.

Adapted from the magazine 'The Young Scientist'

Section G (4 x 2m)

Synthesis and Transformation

For each of the questions 44 to 47, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentences.

44. Sally is a kind girl. Sally loves to help her classmates.

_____ who

45. Meiling was very tired. Meiling continued cleaning the house.

_____ although

46. "Can you bring your project tomorrow?" Mrs Lee asked Tom.

Mrs Lee asked Tom if _____

47. Terry was brave. Terry was praised by the policeman.

_____ because of his _____

Section H (7 x 1m)

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPG)

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical mistake. A wrong or missing punctuation mark is indicated by a circle.

Put the correct punctuation mark or word in the box.

"The day is finally here!" Mike exclaimed with delight, rubbing his eyes in

(48)

disbelief. He was looking at the kalender on the study table. He had signed up

(49)

for an audition to takes part in the 'Tao Nan Idol 2012' project.

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"Are you really going for the audition Meiling, his sister, asked. "I

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certainly hope you won't embares yourself!"

(52)

"You'll be surprised! Even if I don't clear the audition this time

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I intend to keep on trying. I believe my perseverance would surely be rewarded,"

Mike said proudly as he headed for the bathroom. Unfortunately, he did not

(54)

notice some marbles on the floor. He slipped and fell in a loud thud.

"What luck! Now I can't take part in the project!" cried Mike, staring at his

twisted ankle.

Section I (6 x 2 m)

Comprehension Open

Read the passage below and answer questions 55 to 60. Your answer must be based on the passage.

Farmer Fred had some puppies that he needed to sell. As he was nailing the painted signboard advertising the puppies onto the post in his garden, he felt a tug at his sleeve. He looked down into the eyes of a little boy.

"Mister," Andy said softly, "I want to buy one of your puppies."

"Well," said Farmer Fred, "these puppies cost a good deal of money." 5

Andy hung his head for a moment. Then reaching deep into his pocket, he pulled out a handful of change and held it up to Farmer Fred.

"I've got thirty-nine cents. Is that enough to take a look at the puppies?"

"Sure," said Farmer Fred, and with that he let out a whistle. Out from the kennels and down the ramp ran four little balls of fur. Andy's eyes danced with delight as the dogs made their way to the fence. Then, he noticed something else stirring inside the kennel. Slowly another little ball appeared, this one noticeably smaller. Down the ramp it slid. Then, in a somewhat awkward manner, the little pup began hobbling towards the others, doing its best to catch up. 10 15

"I want that one," Andy said, pointing to the runt.

Farmer Fred knelt down at the boy's side and explained, "Son, you don't want that puppy. He will never be able to run and play with you like these other dogs would." With that Andy stepped back from the fence, reached down, and began rolling up one leg of his trousers. He revealed a steel brace running down his left leg attaching itself to a special shoe. Looking back up at the farmer, he said, "You see, sir. I don't run too well myself, and he will need someone who understands." 20

With tears in his eyes, Farmer Fred reached down and picked up the little pup. Holding it carefully, he handed it to the little boy. 25

"How much?" asked Andy.

"No charge," answered Farmer Fred, "there's no charge for love."

Adapted from www.inspirationalstories.com.

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

55. Where were Farmer Fred and Andy when they first met?

56. What happened when Farmer Fred was nailing the signboard onto his garden post?

57. Explain clearly why **Andy hung his head for a moment** (line 6).

58. How did Farmer Fred get the puppies out of their kennels?

59. In what way was the last puppy different from the rest of the puppies?

60. Which sentence from the passage tells you that Andy was handicapped?

ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2012

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Booklet A

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16
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Booklet B

31. J

32. F

33. K

34. C

35. G

36. C

37. D

38. B

39. G

40. H

41. A

42. K

43. J

44. Sally is a kind girl **who** loves to help her classmates.
45. Meiling continued cleaning the house **although** she was very tired.
46. **Mrs Lee asked Tom if** he could bring his project the next day.
47. Terry was praised by the policeman **because of his** bravery.
48. calendar
49. take
50. ? "
51. embarrass
52. ,)
53. will
54. with
55. They first met in Farmer Fred's garden.
56. Farmer Fred felt a tug at his sleeve.
57. He realized that he did not have enough money to buy a puppy.
58. He let out a whistle to get the puppy out of their kennels.
59. It was smaller and it hobbled in a awkward manner.
60. He revealed a steel brace running down his left leg attaching itself to a special shoe.