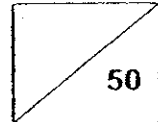




HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
2008 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION TWO
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 3



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Duration of Paper: 1h 15min

Section A: Vocabulary (10 x 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided. Then shade your answers in the OAS given.

1. Lina arranged her holiday photographs neatly in this _____.

- 1) album
- 2) atlas
- 3) brochure
- 4) magazine

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2. The Lee Foundation has always been _____ in donating large sums of money to charity.

- 1) brave
- 2) clever
- 3) courteous
- 4) generous

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3. I will _____ the invitation card to you by post.

- 1) bring
- 2) fetch
- 3) send
- 4) take

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4. The wind is blowing _____ amongst the trees.

- 1) gently
- 2) happily
- 3) proudly
- 4) smartly

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5. "Why don't we build a wall of banana stems in the water?" _____ the little boy innocently to The Raja.

- 1) insulted
- 2) rejected
- 3) jeered
- 4) suggested

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6. The heavy rain created big waves that _____ the fisherman's boat vigorously.

- 1) floated
- 2) rocked
- 3) capsized
- 4) submerged

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7. It is dangerous to play games along the _____.

- 1) garden
- 2) playground
- 3) pavement
- 4) traffic junction

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8. Cynthia had a bad fall. She had a deep _____ on her knee which bled profusely.

- 1) blister
- 2) bruise
- 3) cut
- 4) scratch

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9. Tim found a special pebble on the beach. It is as _____ as an egg.

- 1) blunt
- 2) rough
- 3) sharp
- 4) smooth

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10. Please use the _____ crossing when you want to cross a busy road.

- 1) people
- 2) public
- 3) passers-by
- 4) pedestrian

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Section B: Grammar (10 x 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided. Then shade your answers in the OAS given.

11. All passengers are required to check in their luggage at least two hours _____ their departure.

- 1) after
- 2) before
- 3) during
- 4) since

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12. Everyone must _____ attentively to the teacher .
1) listen
2) listens
3) listening
4) listened ()

13. I cannot wear this pair of pants _____ it is too small for me.
1) so
2) and
3) then
4) as ()

14. _____ pencil box is this?
1) Why
2) Who
3) When
4) Whose ()

15. We must always _____ to be considerate to others.
1) remember
2) remembers
3) remembered
4) have remembered ()

16. The water in the tanks _____ gone.
1) is
2) are
3) have
4) were ()

17. The motorcycle stopped in the middle of the busy road because there wasn't _____ petrol left in the tank.

- 1) any
- 2) few
- 3) little
- 4) many

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18. Freda is the _____ cook in Singapore.

- 1) bad
- 2) worse
- 3) better
- 4) best

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19. _____ pupil must help to keep the school clean.

- 1) All
- 2) Any
- 3) Both
- 4) Every

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20. The car salesman _____ Mr Thomas for a test drive now.

- 1) takes
- 2) taken
- 3) took
- 4) is taking

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Section C: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Long ago there lived a clever fox and his buddy, the crocodile. Food was often hard to find, so one day they decided to grow their own. First, they planted some corn. The crocodile asked, "How shall we share the corn?"

"You have all the parts that grow under the ground and I'll take the parts that are growing above the ground," said the fox.

When they pulled up the plants, the crocodile saw that only roots grew under the ground. The corn grew above the ground. The cunning fox laughed and happily ate the corn.

Next, they decided to grow potatoes.

When it was time to harvest the crop, the crocodile said, "This time I'll take the parts that grow above the ground." When they dug up the plants, the crocodile was amazed to see all the potatoes growing beneath the ground. The fox laughed out loud and ate all the potatoes. However, the crocodile was very cross.

Then, the fox decided they should grow sugar cane. He was just about to promise the crocodile both the roots and the leaves when the crocodile had a good idea...

"Let's share our food fairly," suggested the crocodile.

From that day onwards, the fox and the crocodile always had plenty of food to eat and they lived happily ever after.

Adapted from: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/stories/world>

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided. Then shade your answers in the OAS given.

21. The crocodile and the fox are _____.

- 1) cousins
- 2) enemies
- 3) friends
- 4) siblings

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22. They planted their own food because food was _____.

- 1) scarce
- 2) suitable
- 3) sufficient
- 4) satisfactory

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23. The fox and the crocodile planted _____.

- 1) corn, pepper and sweet potato
- 2) corn, peach and sugar
- 3) sugar cane, corn and potato
- 4) sugar cane, pumpkin and tapioca

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24. The crocodile was _____ when the fox ate all the potatoes.

- 1) furious
- 2) excited
- 3) joyous
- 4) worried

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25. When they planted sugar cane, the crocodile suggested that the fox should _____.

- 1) take all the parts that grew above the ground
- 2) take the parts that grew beneath the ground
- 3) share the leaves and roots with him
- 4) share everything equally with him

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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.

years	popularity	future	memory
historical	event	champion	performance

According to legend, the ancient Olympic Games were founded by Heracles, a son of Zeus. But according to (26) _____ records, the first Olympic Game, was held in 776 BC. During this Olympic Game, Coroebus, a cook from Elis, won the only (27) _____ in the Game. The event was called the 'Stade' - a race of approximately 192 metres. It was said that Coroebus ran the distance without any clothes on and emerged victorious! This made Coroebus the very first Olympic (28) _____ in history.

The ancient Olympic Games soon grew in (29) _____ and continued to be played once every four years for nearly 1200 (30) _____. Unfortunately, in 393 CE, the Roman emperor, Theodosius the First, banned the Games due to religious reasons.



Section E: Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

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

run	running	ran	runs	has run
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Terry represents his school in Track Meets. He loves to (31) _____.

He trains daily and is highly disciplined. He (32) _____ five kilometres a day.

He (33) _____ his first race when he was nine years old and won a gold medal for his school.

Running is his passion. He (34) _____ a total of twenty-five races in three years. He cannot imagine giving it up. He hopes to continue (35) _____ even when he is in his golden years. He also hopes that more people will take up running as a pastime.



Part II: Read the following passage carefully. Fill in the blanks with the most suitable words.

Leonard and Dylan love the outer space. (36) _____ ambition are to be the first Singaporean astronauts to venture into outer space. They love looking (37) _____ the stars and often read extensively about the galaxy. In school, they set up (38) _____ astronomy club so that they can share their knowledge of outer space.

They are looking forward (39) _____ their next vacation to Houston, Texas (USA). Their parents promised them that the NASA Space Centre will be one (40) _____ the attractions that they will visit.

They want to learn more about the space programmes at the centre. Hopefully, they will get to interview a real astronaut too.



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

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Alex has a problem. He likes to play games like hide-and-seek, hopscotch and marbles but cannot find anyone to play with him. The reason why nobody wants to play with him is that he is not a good sport. He wants to win all the time. If he finds that he is going to lose a game, he tries to cheat or break the rules of the game.

One day, Alex was playing a game of Checkers with his friend, John. Alex was upset that John was winning the game. He quickly put some of the pieces his friend had captured back on the board when John looked away. When John realised that Alex was not playing fair, he refused to play with Alex immediately.

There was another occasion when Alex was playing a game of marbles with a boy. He threw a terrible tantrum, he snatched the winner's marbles and threw them into the drain when he realized that he was about to lose the game. He was a really sore loser.

Nowadays, Alex often sits alone and watches other children play. He knows why nobody wants to invite him to play with them but he just does not want to change his unsporting attitude and play fair.

41) Why ¹⁵ was Alex not a good sport?

42) What did Alex do when he knew he was going to lose a game?

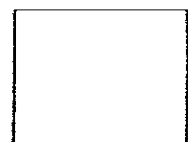
43) How did John realize that Alex was cheating during their game of Checkers?

44) Which word in the third paragraph has the same meaning as 'to lose one's temper'?

45) What should Alex do so that his friends would ask him to join them in their games?

End of Paper

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ANSWER SHEET

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4	4	4	3	1	3	1	4

26)historical 27)event 28)champion 29)popularity

30)years 31)run 32)runs 33)ran

34)has run 35)running 36)Their 37)at

38)an 39)to 40)of

41)Alex wants to win all the time. He will resort to cheating if he realizes that he is going to lose.

42)He would try to cheat or break the rules of the game.

43)John realized that Alex was cheating during their game of Checkers when he realized that Alex was not playing fair by placing some of the pieces that John had captured back on the board on the board when John looked away.

44)The word is "tantrum."

45)He should change his unsporting attitude and play fair.