

Pei Chun Public School
Semestral Assessment 1, 2008
English Language Paper 2
Primary 3

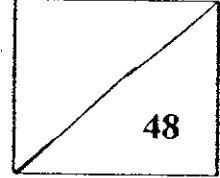
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Date: 7 May 2008

Class: Primary 3 ()

Subject teacher: _____

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Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

Parent's signature: _____

Section A: Vocabulary (6 x 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.

1. Miss Lau's perfume is so overpowering that the sweet and pleasant _____
lingers long after she has left the classroom.

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|---------------|-------------|---------|
| (1) stench | (2) status | |
| (3) fragrance | (4) flavour | () |

2. Susie goes to the _____ every week to borrow books.

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| (1) bookshop | (2) library | |
| (3) canteen | (4) gymnasium | () |

3. Mr Muthu has a/an _____ temper. He gets angry very easily.

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| (1) crafty | (2) sly | |
| (3) over-confident | (4) fiery | () |

4. We waited outside the hotel to catch a _____ of the popular singer.

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|-----------|-------------|---------|
| (1) look | (2) glimpse | |
| (3) stare | (4) gaze | () |

5. My teacher told us to keep our _____ neat and clean always.
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|----------------|----------------|-----|
| (1) appearance | (2) likeness | |
| (3) presence | (4) impression | () |
6. Annie's parents were so proud of Annie's solo dance _____ last night.
- | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|-----|
| (1) behaviour | (2) performance | |
| (3) exhibition | (4) achievement | () |

Section B: Grammar (6 x 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1,2,3 or 4) in the brackets.

7. The boy _____ across the road to _____ his ball yesterday. It was a dangerous thing to do.
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|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----|
| (1) dash ... retrieve | (2) dash ... retrieved | |
| (3) dashed ... retrieve | (4) dashed ... retrieved | () |
8. Mother, there aren't _____ oranges in the refrigerator. We need to buy _____.
- | | | |
|------------------|------------------|-----|
| (1) some ... any | (2) any ... some | |
| (3) many ... any | (4) any ... many | () |
9. Hey, look! Mary _____ a beautiful sandcastle at the beach now!
- | | | |
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| (1) was building | (2) builds | |
| (3) is building | (4) built | () |
10. "Did the monitor _____ off the fans and lights during recess?" asked Miss Lim.
- | | | |
|--------------|---------------|-----|
| (1) switch | (2) switches | |
| (3) switched | (4) switching | () |
11. Of all the animals in Green Forest, the donkey is _____.
- | | | |
|-----------------|------------------|-----|
| (1) as silly as | (2) sillier than | |
| (3) silliness | (4) the silliest | () |

12. We _____ sent an invitation card to Freddy but he _____ not received it yet.

- (1) have ... has
(3) have ... have

- (2) has ... had
(4) had ... have ()

Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct answer 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 during marking.

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) country	(D) ditch	(S) exists	(K) reproduce
(B) creature	(E) dolphin	(H) famous	(X) suspicious
(C) described	(F) extinct	(J) monsters	(M) student

From the very first day we are born, we begin to learn and believe in many things.

As we grow older, we stop believing in fairies and _____. There is, however, (13)

one monster that many still believe _____ in the world to this day. (14)

It lives in one of the deep, cold, dark and murky lakes in the _____ of (15)

Scotland. This lake known as "Loch Ness" is believed to be the home of the _____ (16)

Loch Ness Monster. Many people were said to have seen this _____ (17)

swimming in the misty water. It was even reported that the monster attacked and killed a man who

was rowing in the lake. In 1934, Arthur Grant, a young _____, reported (18)

sighting the monster. He _____ it as having a small head, a long neck with a (19)

huge body and flippers. His description seemed to match the appearance of the dinosaur,

Plesiosaurus, which had been _____ for sixty-five million years. (20)

Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to ~~H~~) in each blank.

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Passage 1

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) about	(G) for	(E) on	(C) under
(B) between	(D) of	(F) to	(H) until

One day, I met an old holy man. We sat down on a stone bench and he told me

_____ a cave in which much gold and jewels were hidden. I wanted him to
(21)

take me to that cave so much that I offered to give him half _____ all that
(22)

we could load onto my seven donkeys. The holy man took me to a place _____
(23)

two small hills. Then he made a fire and threw some magic powder into the fire. Suddenly, the

rocks parted to reveal a cave. I helped myself to bags and bags of gold and jewels

_____ all my donkeys were fully loaded. Then, we were ready to go.
(24)

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Passage 2

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

~~(A)~~ think

~~(B)~~ thinking

~~(C)~~ thought

~~(D)~~ thinks

~~(E)~~ has thought

~~(F)~~ is thinking

Fatimah is a very kind and considerate girl. She is not selfish ~~and~~ *and* always tries to

make people happy. She is especially nice to her family members and her classmates. Her friends like to _____ of her as the 'Angel' sent from heaven. However, Fatimah, (25)

_____ very little of herself. She says that being kind to others is something (26) everyone should show to one another.

She tells her friends, "If you want people to be nice and kind to you, then you should be

_____ of showing kindness to them first. The sad thing is that not many (27)

people have ever _____ about being kind to their fellow man." How true (28)

she is in saying that! All her friends agree that thoughtfulness and kindness should be practised

everyday among friends and even to strangers. If everybody is thinking of others first instead

of themselves, this world will be a very pleasant place to live in.

Section E: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

During the long hot day, the crocodile rests on the mud of the river banks. It lies very still and, as its body is just the colour of mud, it is difficult to see it unless it moves or is disturbed. Its body and long tail are covered with a hard, horny skin.

Very few people like the crocodile. Its cruel eyes and huge jaw full of teeth ~~do~~^{do} not attract us. Usually, a crocodile carries off its prey, hides it in an underground burrow and eats 5
it when the flesh is rotten. The crocodile catches its prey by quietly swimming to it, snapping at the victim with its jaws and dragging it under water and drowning it. It eats all kinds of animals like dogs, cats, deer, snakes, fish, smaller crocodiles and even human beings. Though the crocodile has such a large number of teeth, it cannot chew on meat. It breaks up its food by shaking its head violently from side to side or rolling its body to tear the flesh from dead 10
animals.

Although the skin of the crocodile is hard, it can lash its long tail with such great force that any man or animal can be knocked off their feet. It is this huge tail that allows the crocodile to swim. Its short legs enable it to walk on land or to crawl along the bottom of muddy rivers. When the crocodile swims to the surface of the river to breathe, its body 15
remains under water and only its nostrils can be seen just above the surface. When it has breathed enough air, it can close its nostrils and so remain under water for as long as half an hour.

29. One reason why it is difficult to spot a crocodile on land is because _____

- (1) its body is muddy and rotten
- (2) it lies very still and does not move
- (3) only its tail is covered with a hard skin
- (4) it swims with part of its body under water all the time

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30. According to the passage, the crocodile does not look good to us because of its _____

- (1) leathery and horny skin as well as its small eyes
- (2) powerful tail, great jaws and the small number of teeth
- (3) many tiny teeth and short stumpy legs
- (4) great number of teeth, large jaw and wicked-looking eyes

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31. Where food is concerned, the crocodile _____

- (1) likes to eat it fresh
- (2) eats only small crocodiles
- (3) eats it immediately when it is underground
- (4) prefers to leave it to rot before eating it

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32. When a crocodile attacks an animal in the river, it will usually _____

- (1) kill it instantly by breaking its legs
- (2) drag it out of the water
- (3) drown it under the water
- (4) break its body into many parts

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33. Which of the following statements is true?

- (1) The crocodile uses its legs for swimming.
- (2) The crocodile can stay underwater for at least an hour.
- (3) The crocodile's tail acts as a weapon to knock down its prey.
- (4) The crocodile uses its tail to crawl along the bottom of the river.

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

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

One night, a doctor was preparing to go to bed when someone knocked loudly on the door of his house. When he opened the door, he saw a man from his village standing outside. The man was a moneylender and the doctor knew at once that something was wrong for there was a worried look on his face. The money lender told the doctor that his wife was very ill. He begged the doctor to go to his house to see her. 5

The doctor went willingly to the man's house but just before he went in, he stopped. He knew that the moneylender was a miser who seldom paid his bills. So, he said to him, "If I cure your wife, how can I be sure you will pay me?"

The moneylender told the doctor that he had a hundred dollars in his wallet. He stressed that whether the doctor cured his wife or killed her, he would give all of the money to him. 10

This answer satisfied the doctor and he went into the house. However, when he saw the woman, he knew that she was dying and there was nothing he could do to save her. After half an hour, the poor woman died. A few days after the funeral, the doctor met the moneylender. He asked him for the hundred dollars that he had promised. 15

"Doctor, did you kill my wife?" asked the moneylender.

"Of course not," replied the doctor.

"Then did you cure my wife?" the man asked him next. 20

"You know I did not. It was impossible," said the doctor.

"Well, doctor," the moneylender cried, "since you neither killed my wife nor cured her, I have nothing to pay you."

34. Why did the doctor not go to bed?

35. What brought the visitor to see the doctor?

36. Which sentence in the passage states that the moneylender had money with him?

37. Why did the doctor want to know whether he would be paid for his services?

38. Did the moneylender pay the doctor in the end? Why?

End of Paper

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ANSWER SHEET

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TERM : SA 1

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3	2	4	2	1	2	3	2	3	1	4	1	J	G	A	H	B

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33
M	C	F	A	D	B	H	A	D	B	C	2	4	4	3	3

34)Someone was knocking loudly on the door of his house.

35)The visitor's wife was very ill and the visitor wanted the doctor to go to his house to see her.

36)The sentence is "The moneylender told doctor that he had a hundred dollars in his wallet."

37)He knew that the moneylender was a miser who seldom paid his bills.

38)No, he did not because the doctor did not cure or kill the moneylender's wife,so he had nothing to pay him.