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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
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PRIMARY 3

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Component	Marks obtained	Maximum marks for each component
Paper 1 (Writing)		20
Paper 2 (Language Use and Comprehension)		48
Paper 3 (Listening Comprehension)		16
Paper 4 (Oral Communication)		16
Total marks for all components		100

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) believe	(D) garden	(G) invaded	(K) shrank
(B) circling	(E) grew	(H) landed	(L) understand
(C) emerged	(F) guessed	(J) noise	(M) vision

One night, Benny was sleeping soundly. A (13)_____ suddenly awakened him. He looked out of his bedroom window and saw a round-shaped object (14)_____ above his garden. It was a flying saucer! When it (15)_____ on the lawn, the ground began to shake. Two weird-looking green creatures (16)_____ from the flying saucer. Each of them had a small head with two big round eyes and was about one metre tall.

The strange creatures walked about in the (17)_____, looking curiously at the trees and plants. One of them shone a bright beam of light at two trees. The trees (18)_____ and became half their size. Benny could hardly (19)_____ his own eyes. He (20)_____ that they were from another planet and had come to planet Earth on a survey mission.

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 G) in each blank.

Passage 1

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

- (A) hurry (C) hurried (E) is hurried (G) hurriedly
(B) hurries (D) was hurried (F) hurrying

Kumar was in the tent busy wearing his clean socks and shoes after a walk in the jungle. “(21) _____ up!” shouted Kiran, his elder sister. “Stop (22) _____ me!” Kumar screamed back. Kiran often (23) _____ her brother as her brother is as slow as a snail. After a few minutes, they came out of the tent. Kumar complained to his mother about Kiran rushing him. “I’m glad she (24) _____ you or you would have missed your favourite curry chicken which I have prepared,” said their mother.

Passage 2

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

- (A) at (C) in (E) on (G) without
(B) from (D) of (F) with

Did you know that the world’s first pair of roller skates was invented in the sixteenth century? Joseph Merlin, a musician (25) _____ Belgium, invented them. Merlin’s roller skates first consisted (26) _____ two wheels each, but this was soon found to be rather dangerous and unstable. The first pair of roller skates was made (27) _____ any brakes which resulted (28) _____ many accidents and injuries. Fortunately, the roller skates that we use today have four wheels and brakes and are, therefore, safer.

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.

If you are visiting the Perth Zoo in Australia, do not be surprised if you find that an orang utan there looks familiar. That orang utan, Hsing Hsing, is indeed a son of Ah Meng from the Singapore Zoo. He is the youngest of her several off-springs.

Like hundreds of other animals sent overseas, Hsing Hsing was packed off 5
to Perth when he was eight, under an exchange programme practised by the Singapore Zoo. When such occasions happen, the zoo-keepers often pack the animals in containers with a heavy heart. They are unwilling to part with them as they have often grown to be fond of the baby animals.

Mr Samy, the zoo-keeper, remembered putting Hsing Hsing into a special 10
container in 1983 when he was eight. He said, "We didn't wait until he was mature before we sent him to Australia. We had to send him there while he was still very young. It was difficult for Hsing Hsing to find a suitable mate in Singapore and he needed to start his own family."

When two Australian tourists visited the Singapore Zoo last year, they 15
brought with them a recent photograph of Hsing Hsing which they gave to Mr Samy. Holding a picture of Hsing Hsing, a beaming Mr Samy said, "He has grown. He has a golden beard and big cheekpads."

Adapted from 'The Straits Times'

29. Ah Meng is Hsing Hsing's _____.
- (1) brother
 - (2) sister
 - (3) father
 - (4) mother
- ()
30. Hsing Hsing was sent to the Perth Zoo in Australia _____.
- (1) so that he could start his own family
 - (2) as he could not get along with Ah Meng
 - (3) so that he would get special treatment at that zoo
 - (4) as there were too many orang utans in the Singapore Zoo
- ()
31. What does the phrase "with a heavy heart" in line 8 mean?
- (1) angry
 - (2) happy
 - (3) sad
 - (4) tired
- ()
32. At the age of eight, an orang utan _____.
- (1) must leave its family to live on its own
 - (2) can visit the Perth Zoo
 - (3) is still considered to be a baby
 - (4) starts to grow a golden beard
- ()
33. When Mr Samy saw a recent photograph of Hsing Hsing, _____.
- (1) he regretted sending Hsing Hsing away
 - (2) he was happy that Hsing Hsing looked well
 - (3) he felt sorry that Hsing Hsing had aged
 - (4) he was excited that Hsing Hsing was coming back
- ()

Section F: Comprehension OE (5 x 2 marks)

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

Answer in complete sentences.

About five years ago, Martin's father, who was a pilot, brought home a strange-looking egg from Africa. Nobody knew what kind of egg it was, or whether it was alive. Still, Martin's father put it in an incubator to try to hatch it. It laid there for a long while.

One day, Martin discovered an empty egg shell in the incubator. Next to the empty egg shell was a small odd-looking creature resembling something between a lizard and a Komodo dragon. As Martin looked more carefully at the creature, he realised that it was actually a baby crocodile. 5

Soon, Martin became a well-known boy in his school because his classmates would beg him to allow them to catch a glimpse of his pet crocodile. There was even a special article in the newspaper about Martin and his pet crocodile. It crawled about in the house wherever it pleased. 10

However, as the pet crocodile grew larger, Martin's parents liked it less and things became more unpleasant for Martin. He was blamed when the pet crocodile tore half of his mother's favourite towel. 15

One day, Martin's father gave him a colourfully-illustrated book entitled 'The Incredible and Amazing World of Reptiles'. Out of curiosity, he quickly flipped the pages of the book to the section on crocodiles. The description given in the book about the giant African Mangrove specimen of crocodile seemed to fit that of his pet crocodile. 20

Excitedly, Martin went to tell his parents about his discovery. His father was impressed with the name of the pet crocodile but when his mother heard the word 'giant', she turned pale and said, "We had better find a new home for this pet crocodile of ours, before it gets too big!"

34. What was Martin's father's occupation?

35. Give one example to show that Martin had become very popular after he had the pet crocodile.

36. Which sentence shows that Martin's crocodile was treated like any other pet?

37. Where did Martin discover the type of crocodile group his pet crocodile belonged to?

38. Martin's mother said, "We had better find a new home for this pet crocodile of ours, before it gets too big!" (lines 23 to 24). Why was she worried about the crocodile growing bigger?

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1	1	2	3	3	3	4	1	3	3	2	4	J	B	H	C	D

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33
K	A	F	A	F	B	C	B	D	G	C	4	1	3	3	2

34) Martin's father was a pilot.

35) There was a special newspaper article about Martin and his pet crocodile.

36) The sentence is "It crawled about in the house wherever it pleased."

37) He discovered it in book entitled "The Incredible and Amazing World of Reptiles which his father gave to him."

**38) The crocodile would damage things in the house.
The crocodile would endanger the lives of people around it.**