

**RIVER VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2 / 2019
PRIMARY 3
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2**

Name : _____ ()

Mark: _____ / 14

Class : Primary 3 _____

Date : 24 October 2019

Parent's signature: _____

Booklet A

Duration of Paper (Booklet A and B) : 1 h 15 min

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Do not turn over this paper until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 14 questions (Questions 1 to 14).
4. Shade your answer in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.
5. Answer all questions.

Section A: Grammar MCQ (8 X 1 mark)

For each question from 1 to 8, four options are given. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the OAS.

1. This house belongs to Mr and Mrs Tham. It is _____ .

(1) his
(2) hers
(3) ours
(4) theirs

2. Linny was definitely _____ than I thought. She seemed to know all the answers to the quiz.

(1) smart
(2) smarter
(3) smartest
(4) as smart

3. Doris had a fever _____ she went to see the doctor.

(1) if
(2) so
(3) but
(4) unless

4. _____ bottle is that lying on the floor ?

(1) Who
(2) When
(3) Whom
(4) Whose

5. Betty should _____ attentively during English lessons.

- (1) listen
- (2) listens
- (3) listened
- (4) listening

6. We _____ seafood to celebrate Mother's birthday last Saturday.

- (1) ate
- (2) eat
- (3) eats
- (4) eaten

7. The twins shared the cookies _____ themselves.

- (1) for
- (2) among
- (3) beside
- (4) between

8. Father - _____ the car when the telephone rang.

- (1) is washing
- (2) are washing
- (3) was washing
- (4) were washing

Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (6 X 1 mark)

For each question from 9 to 14, four options are given. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the OAS.

9. The soldiers have to _____ the sergeant when he gives a command so that they can march smartly as a unit.

(1) deny
(2) obey
(3) refuse
(4) accept

10. No one in class likes Gareth because he is as _____ as a peacock.

(1) rude
(2) proud
(3) naughty
(4) stubborn

11. He was so scared that he was _____ like a leaf.

(1) walking
(2) running
(3) trembling
(4) grumbling

12. Steve was very _____ as he waited for his name to be announced for the contest. He had butterflies in his stomach.

(1) angry
(2) thrilled
(3) anxious
(4) enthusiastic

13. Agile as a/an _____, the gymnast performed some amazing bar skills.
- (1) ant
 - (2) rabbit
 - (3) monkey
 - (4) elephant
14. Tammy was feeling _____ as her classmate snatched away her favourite stationery.
- (1) shy
 - (2) glad
 - (3) vexed
 - (4) disappointed

- End of Booklet A -

Please check that you have shaded your answers accurately.

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Booklet B

Duration of Paper (Booklet A and B) : 1h 15 min

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Do not turn over this paper until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 28 questions (Question 15 to 42).
4. Write your answers in this booklet.

Answer all questions.	Mark Obtained	Maximum Mark
Booklet A		14
Booklet B		36
Listening		14
Oral		16
Writing		20
Total		100

Section C: Comprehension (8 marks)

Read the following passage and answer questions 15 to 19.

Fifty-six-year-old Chang Yang Fa still has his first toy; a Matchbox truck that was given to him when he was six. The father of three also has many playthings which he collected over the years. They are worth more than \$5 million.	
Mr Chang's toy collection increased over a period of twenty-five years. He is now preparing to share his toys with the public by moving them to a toy museum, which is the first in Singapore. The toys which are now stored in various places will be housed in a \$2 million place in Seah Street.	5
"It's every toy collector's dream to open a museum where he can share his passion with other people," said Mr Chang. The toys can be traced back to toy makers from more than twenty-five countries. They were bought from auctions, junk stores and dealers by Mr Chang.	10
The toy collection includes a 1903 Steiff bear, a Batman figure that was shipped in a Superman packaging by mistake, and a 1930 plush Mickey that has creator Walt Disney's signature on its sole. Many pieces are still in mint condition.	15
"The museum can bring people back in time. It's meant to bring out the child in every one of us," said Mr Chang.	
Adapted from The Straits Times, 5 August	

15. In which country was the toy museum that Mr Chang wanted to share his collection of toys located? [1m]

16. Which **two-word phrase** between lines 13 and 18 has the same meaning as "as if new"? [1m]

For Questions Q17 (a), (b) and (c) read each statement and tick ✓ the box in either the "True" or "False" column. Refer to the passage to help you. [3m]

Statement		True	False
17(a).	Mr Chang had his first toy at the age of fifty-six.		
17(b).	Mr Chang was the father of six children.		
17(c)	The museum was only open to children.		

18. How did Mr Chang increase his collection of toys over a period of twenty-five years ? [1m]

19. Name any **two** pieces of toy collection mentioned in the passage that one could see in the museum. [2m]

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 F) in each blank. **USE EACH WORD ONLY ONCE.**

(A)	I	(B)	we	(C)	me
(D)	she	(E)	us	(F)	they

I have an English teacher named Mrs Hoffner. (20) _____ is very witty, has a pleasant smile and is very good in English. She is my school's discipline mistress and although she is strict and fierce if needed, she can be kind at times too.

My examination marks began to improve after she began teaching (21) _____, and I believe most of my classmates will agree. However, she fell ill in late June. (22) _____ had many relief teachers. Finally, a teacher said that she would be replacing Mrs Hoffner until the end of the year. We were thoroughly shocked. We understood that Mrs Hoffner would not be coming back.

For Teacher's Day, the General Office put a box for all the gifts that Mrs Hoffner got from all of (23) _____. My class decided that it was not a good sign. I really wish that she will recover from whatever sickness she has soon and return to the school.

Teacher's own

Read the passage carefully and underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

Tommy loves experimenting with chemical mixture. When his parents (24) (is / are) not at home, he usually experiments in the kitchen. He uses chemicals that he can find in the house and (25) (mix / mixes) them. Even when the mixture (26) (smell / smells) bad, he will continue to stir it with enthusiasm. He wishes for someone to try his mixture one day. However, no one (27) (is / are) willing to try it. Thus, Tommy is disappointed.

Teacher's own

Section E: Sentence Manipulation (3 x 2 marks)

For each of the items from 28 to 30, rewrite the given sentences using the words provided. Your answer must be written in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the given ones.

28. Kay likes swimming. I like swimming.

Both _____

29. It was raining cats and dogs. The soccer match was postponed.

_____ because

30. The book is very interesting. I borrowed it from the library.

_____ which

Section F: Comprehension (8 marks)

Read the following passage and answer questions 31 to 36.

Adam pulled the covers up to his chin. He searched the darkness for the thing that was making those scary sounds. The closet door moved as something banged on it from the inside.	
"Who's there?" Adam asked in a shaky voice. He ran to the closet door, slamming it shut with his palms. He grabbed his chair and propped it against the door handle. Then he ran out of his room to look for his brother, David.	5
"Adam?" David asked. "What are you doing here?" Adam tugged on David's arm. "There's something in my closet!"	
"You probably had a bad dream," said David. Adam snapped. "It wasn't a dream! The closet door started opening by itself!"	10
David sighed. "Fine. But when we don't find anything, you have to promise to leave me alone for the rest of the night." Adam nodded. David reached for a flashlight and they headed to Adam's room.	
"Do you hear that?" Adam asked. David nodded. He walked over to Adam's bed and pulled the case off one of the pillows. "You open the door very slowly, and I'll grab whatever it is." Adam pulled the closet door open. Something banged against the door, trying to force it open.	15
Adam took a deep breath. "I got it!" David said, closing the pillowcase and holding it in the air.	
"What is it?" Adam moved closer as David peeked inside. An orange cat climbed out. Adam exclaimed. "Apricot? How did you get trapped in my closet?"	20
David laughed. "The poor cat. If I was locked in your closet with your stinky shoes, I'd be banging on the door to get out too!"	
"Poor Apricot," Adam said. "You were probably more scared than I was."	
<i>Adapted from: The story "The Closet Creature – Kelly Hashway"</i>	

31. Why did Adam pull the covers up to his chin? [1m]

32. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [2m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
it (line 5)	
you (line 21)	

33. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. (1m)

_____ Apricot climbed out of the closet.

_____ Adam slammed the closet door shut with his palms.

_____ David reached for a flashlight.

34. What did David plan to do with the pillowcase ? [2m]

**For Questions Q35-36, read each statement and write either “True” or “False”.
Provide a reason for your answer. Refer to the passage to help you. [2m]**

	Statements	True/False	Reason
35.	Adam used his palms to press against the door handle.		
36.	David refused to help Adam and made him promise to leave him alone for the rest of the night.		

Section G: Comprehension Cloze (6 X 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Most people have heard of the superhero, 'Superman'.

This comic hero (37) _____ amazing power and strength. 'Superman' was created by Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster in the 1930s. Both men had a dream to (38) _____ a character who was the strongest man in the world.

The very first comic story about Superman was (39) _____ in a comic book in 1938. This first story gave the background of this hero. It explained that he was (40) _____ a distant planet. In the earlier stories of Superman, he was not as strong as what he is today. In fact, he could not fly at all !

The public did not give much attention to Superman comics in the (41) _____ three comic books. By the fourth book, however, Superman comics became a hit. Both children and (42) _____ began to demand for Superman comics. Soon, newspapers also began to feature Superman comic strips regularly. There was even a radio show that played Superman's adventures. Today, Superman is featured not only in comic strips but also on television and in the cinema as well.

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- End of Booklet B -
Please check your answers.

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
4	2	2	4	1	1	4	3	2	2
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14						
3	3	3	3						

Q15)	Singapore
Q16)	mint condition
Q17)	a)False b)False c)False
Q18)	He bought from auction, junk stores and dealers.
Q19)	A 1903 Steiff bear and a Batman figure that was shipped in a Superman packaging by mistake.
Q20)	D
Q21)	C
Q22)	B
Q23)	E
	are
	mixes
Q26)	smells
Q27)	is
Q28)	Both Kay and I like swimming.
Q29)	The soccer match was postponed because it was raining cats and dogs.
Q30)	The book which I borrowed from the library is very interesting.

Q31)	He was frightened
Q32)	It → The it refers to the chair you → The you refers to Apricot the cat
Q33)	3 , 1 , 2
Q34)	David was trying to use the pillowcase to grab the something.
Q35)	False / Adam grabbed his chair and propped it against the door handle.
Q36)	False / David helped Adam since Adam promised him if they don't find anything, he would leave him alone for the rest of the night.
Q37)	has
Q38)	create
Q39)	featured
Q40)	from
Q41)	first
Q42)	adults