

Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)



SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 – 2008

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY 3

PAPER 1

Name : _____ ()

Class : P3. ()

Date : 22 April 2008

50 minutes

20 marks

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

There are two questions in this paper.

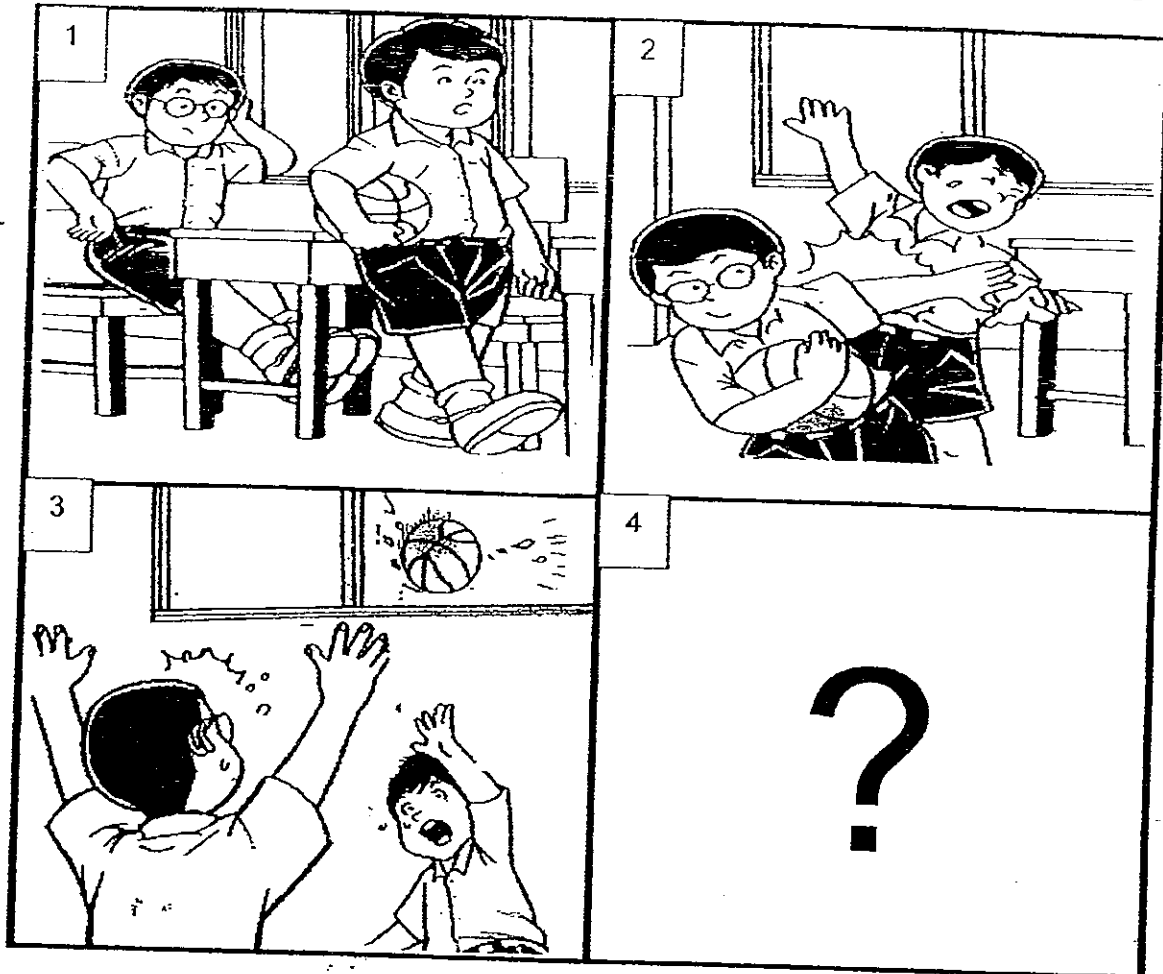
Answer only one question and write its number (1 or 2) in the margin of the writing paper provided.

Write your answer only on the writing papers provided.

Question 1

Look carefully at the pictures below.

Write a composition of at least 100 words based on the pictures below. Give the story your own ending. You may use the words and phrases in the box. You are encouraged to include other relevant points to make your composition interesting.



classroom

basketball

snatched

pushed him away

smashed

window pane

shattering glass

apologised

Question 2

One day, you were at a playground when you saw two young boys hitting a kitten with a stick.

Based on the above situation, write a composition of at least 100 words.

In your composition, make use of the points below.

- What you did
- What happened next
- What happened in the end

You may re-order the points. You may include other relevant points.

Some helping words and phrases are given below. You may use them in your composition.

mewing pitifully

ignored

neighbourhood police

plucked up courage

threatened

gave a warning

shouted angrily

scolded

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Name : _____ ()

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Date : 5 May 2008

Booklet A

25 Questions

25 marks

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.**
- 2. Follow all instructions carefully.**
- 3. Answer all questions.**

Part 1: Vocabulary (10 marks)

For each question from 1 to 10, 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. Sheela wrote a letter to her grandmother to express her _____ for the lovely Christmas gift she had received.
 - (1) gratitude
 - (2) annoyance
 - (3) displeasure
 - (4) unhappiness

2. The _____ or the person who has drawn the pictures in the book 'James and the Giant Peach' is Quentin Blake.
 - (1) writer
 - (2) author
 - (3) publisher
 - (4) illustrator

3. Children all over the world enjoy reading Aesop's fables. He is certainly one of the most _____ fable tellers.
 - (1) famous
 - (2) unknown
 - (3) notorious
 - (4) unfamiliar

4. The ocean has many tiny plants that are so small that you would need a _____ to see them.
 - (1) telescope
 - (2) periscope
 - (3) microscope
 - (4) stethoscope

5. After the wedding ceremony, all guests are invited for a _____ at the hotel's cafe
- (1) meeting
 - (2) reception
 - (3) discussion
 - (4) conference
6. The master puppeteer will also _____ a group of musicians to play different musical instruments for the *Wayang Kulit* puppet show.
- (1) direct
 - (2) compile
 - (3) compose
 - (4) manufacture
7. Did you know that Alexander Graham Bell _____ the telephone?
- (1) informed
 - (2) invented
 - (3) instructed
 - (4) investigated

Choose the most suitable word to replace the underlined word(s) and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

8. The soccer tournament was called off because of the heavy downpour.
- (1) delayed
 - (2) disrupted
 - (3) cancelled
 - (4) interrupted
9. While spring cleaning the kitchen cabinet, Mother threw out the old pots and pans.
- (1) cutlery
 - (2) utensils
 - (3) apparatus
 - (4) equipment
10. The police acted thick and fast when the convict escaped from the detention centre.
- (1) easily
 - (2) clearly
 - (3) quickly
 - (4) carefully

Part 2: Grammar (7 marks)

For each question from 11 to 17, 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.

11. _____ you hand this note to your teacher, please?
- (1) Do
 - (2) Can
 - (3) May
 - (4) Shall
12. "Let's _____ to keep fit," said Miss Lee.
- (1) exercise
 - (2) exercises
 - (3) exercised
 - (4) exercising
13. I like _____ of the ice cream flavours sold at the school canteen.
- (1) any
 - (2) little
 - (3) most
 - (4) much
14. _____ I could catch the mouse, it ran away.
- (1) Next
 - (2) Then
 - (3) Finally
 - (4) Before

15. _____ of the two boys will win the art competition?
- (1) Who
 - (2) Which
 - (3) Whom
 - (4) Whose
16. Those turtles _____ for the shore to lay their eggs now.
- (1) is heading
 - (2) are heading
 - (3) was headed
 - (4) were headed
17. Dogs are _____ than most other animals.
- (1) faithful
 - (2) faithless
 - (3) most faithful
 - (4) more faithful

Part 3: Punctuation (3 marks)

For each question from 18 to 20, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

A computer geek is crossing the road when he sees a frog which starts talking. "If you kiss me (18)" the frog says, "I'll turn into a beautiful princess."

The man smiles and pockets the frog.

"Did you hear me (19)" asks the frog. "A beautiful princess!"

"Look," says the nerd, "I do not have time for a girlfriend. However (20) a talking frog – now that is cool."

Adapted from 'Laughter, The Best Medicine' – Reader's Digest October 2007

18. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark
19. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark
20. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [!] exclamation mark
(4) ["] open inverted commas

Part 4: Comprehension (5 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 21 to 25.

The car did not tumble but whirled round and round like a ride on a ferris-wheel, cutting through the treetops. Then it slammed into a ravine ten metres below, landing on its wheels.

William found himself sprawled in the backseat, his legs stretched over the collapsed driver's backrest. He looked around. All the windows were shattered and the doors on the driver's side were caved in. He tried to stay calm but he soon realised that the car was filled with the pungent smell of petrol.

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He hurt all over. The only comfortable position was on his hands and knees. When he lay down, the pain in his chest worsened. Each time he exhaled, he felt flesh flapping at the wound.

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He groped for his mobile phone and used its light to look around the car. He was feeling very thirsty. All he found was some chewing gum, which remarkably did wonders for his parched throat. He dug through his bag, hoping to also find matches. He had a plan. At daylight, he would get out of the car. If he heard cars passing, he would ignite the petrol and torch the car to attract attention. However, there were no matches.

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Adapted from 'Spinout' by William Hendryx – Reader's Digest September 2007

For each question from 21 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.

21. William's car finally landed in a _____.
- (1) big drain
 - (2) huge lake
 - (3) deep valley
 - (4) narrow stream
22. William could not stay calm any longer when he began to whiff the _____ smell of petrol.
- (1) sweet
 - (2) strong
 - (3) fragrant
 - (4) aromatic
23. When William found the chewing gum, he was glad as he could chew it and _____.
- (1) enjoy its taste
 - (2) quench his thirst
 - (3) heal his sore throat
 - (4) keep his mind off his pain
24. From the passage, we know that William was in a lot of pain because he was _____.
- (1) hurting all over
 - (2) lying in the backseat
 - (3) on his hands and knees
 - (4) breathing in the smell of petrol

25. What was William's plan if he had found matches?

He would _____

- (1) start a fire to keep himself warm
- (2) get out of the car and burn the petrol
- (3) start a fire to cook some food for himself
- (4) burn the car to attract passing cars' attention

End of Booklet A

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Name: _____ () Class : P3. ()

Date : 5 May 2008

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Booklet B

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~~25~~ Questions

~~25~~ marks

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Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
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Booklet	Component	Possible Marks	Marks Obtained
A		25	
B	Grammar Cloze	9	
	Vocabulary Cloze	10	
	Editing for Spelling and Grammar	5	
	Synthesis/Transformation	6	
	Comprehension OE	10	
	Total for Booklet B	40	
TOTAL for Booklets A and B		65	

Part 5: Grammar Cloze (9 marks)

There are 9 blanks in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to K) in the blank. The letter (I) has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN ONLY BE USED ONCE

(A) thus (B) so that (C) after (D) when ~~(E) until~~ ^{from}
(F) although (G) but (H) since (J) finally (K) than

Haslinda's mother had just given birth to a baby boy. Haslinda was elated. (26) _____, she had a baby brother to play with. When Haslinda first saw the baby, she was amazed by his tiny fingers and toes. She wanted to carry him (27) _____ her parents did not allow her to do so. She could only carry him (28) _____ she was older.

A few days ago, Haslinda had tidied up her room (29) _____ the baby's cot could be placed in her room. (30) _____ she had to share the room with her brother, she did not mind it at all.

The baby boy was named Rashid after her grandfather (31) _____ he resembled him a lot. Every night, Rashid woke up (32) _____ his sleep several times. Dad had to wake up early, (33) _____ he was spared the task of looking (34) _____ Rashid late at night. Meanwhile, poor Mum had to work very hard until the maid arrived.

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Part 6: Vocabulary Cloze (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and fill in the blanks with a suitable word.

Tom and Peter are close friends but they are of very different characters.

Tom is a jovial person. He is the clown of the class as he (35) _____ to make his classmates laugh. He enjoys (36) _____ up his friends whenever they are upset. Tom will hum a tune to comfort them. Incidentally, he is also the class monitor. As Tom is a reliable (37) _____, the teacher assigns him with important duties.

Peter, on the other (38) _____, is a playful person. Some of his classmates dislike him and they (39) _____ him a nuisance. He loves to disturb his classmates by pulling their hair. Sometimes, he likes to create confusion among his classmates by (40) _____ the wrong messages around in class. This causes his classmates to get (41) _____ with him.

Peter is always ⁽⁴²⁾ ~~(41)~~ _____ in handing in his assignments. The teacher always needs to remind him to hand in his work on (43) _____. At times, he is so naughty that his parents need to be informed. They were upset when they heard that their (44) _____ was a nuisance in class. Tom, however, is patient with Peter and constantly advises him to stop annoying others and disappointing his parents.

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Part 7: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (5 marks)

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

Dear Samuel,

(45)

During the March school holidays, we fly to Indonesia for a short holiday.

(46)

We went to the capital city, Jakarta. I discovered that it is a **fasinating** country

(47)

(48)

with lots to see, do and ate. I even bought many souvenirs for my **frens**. The

Indonesians we met were very warm and welcoming too. We had a wonderful

(49)

time explore the country.

Cheers,

Ali

Part 8: Synthesis/Transformation (6 marks)

For each of the questions 50 to 52, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answers must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

50 Elephants are being killed for their tusks. They are decreasing in numbers.

_____ because

51 Smoking gives you bad breath. Smoking can even take away your life.

_____ and

52 John has not eaten his food. He started crying.

Since _____

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Part 9: Comprehension Open-Ended (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the question 53 to 57.

The queen had lost her valuable diamond necklace. She promised to give a bag of gold to anyone who could find it.

For a few weeks, no one could find the necklace. Then one day, a wise old man came to the palace to seek an audience with the queen. He proclaimed that he would be able to find the necklace within one week. The conditions were that he should be allowed to stay in the palace and his instructions were to be followed. Everyone in the palace was amazed and at the same time puzzled by the old man's conditions. He announced that he was going to shake the hands of every one in the palace. The thief would be discovered through handshakes. 5

The people the old man shook hands with, laughed it off when it was their turn. However, there was a servant who broke out in cold sweat as he was being approached. Suddenly, he knelt down and begged for forgiveness. The wise old man took him aside and spoke to him in a whisper. He told the servant to thrust the necklace down a duck's throat. 10

That evening, the old man brought the duck to the queen. He turned it upside down and shook it very hard. After a while, the necklace dropped onto the floor. **Everyone present was surprised.** The queen was so happy that she doubled the reward for the wise old man. 15

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

53 Who did the wise old man want to meet at the palace?

54 How long did the old man claim he would take to recover the lost necklace?

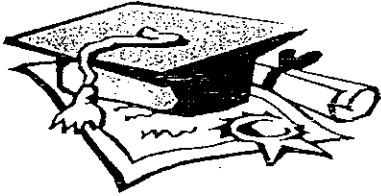
55 How did the wise old man know that the servant was the thief?

56 Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'push forcefully'?

57 In line 17, explain clearly why everyone present was surprised.

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2008

SCHOOL : ACS PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUBJECT : PRIMARY 3 ENGLISH

TERM : SA 1

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1	3	1	3	2	2	1	4	J	G	D	B	F	H	E	A	C

- 35)likes 36)cheering 37)boy 38)hand 39)find
40)passing 41)angry 42)late 43)time 44)son
45)flew 46)fascinating 47)eat 48)friends 49)exploring

50)Elephants are decreasing in numbers they are being killed for their tasks.

51)Smoking gives you bad breath and can even take away your life.

52)Since John started crying, he has not eaten his food.

53)He wanted to meet the queen at the palace.

54)The old man claimed that he would take one week to recover the lost necklace.

55)He knew when the servant knelt down and begged forgiveness.

56)It is "thrust."

57)It is because every one was surprised to find out that the necklace was in a ducks throat.