



CHIJ Primary (Toa Payoh)
Semestral Assessment 1 2004
English

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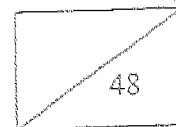
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Booklet A

Section A : Grammar (6 x 1m)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1,2,3 or 4) in the optical answer sheet.

1. The soup is too salty. The maid has put too _____ salt into it.

1) much	2) few
3) some	4) many

2. My siblings _____ the table while Mother prepared dinner.

1) lays	2) lay
3) laid	4) laying

3. "We have won the game. The trophy is _____ now," said the winners.

1) our	2) ours
3) their	4) theirs

4. Old Mrs Spencer _____ house was burgled is now living in an apartment.

1) who	2) whose
3) which	4) that

5. Somebody _____ the tables in our class every day.

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| 1) cleans | 2) clean |
| 3) cleaned | 4) is cleaning |

6. My little brother looked forward _____ his fifth birthday party.

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| 1) for | 2) at |
| 3) in | 4) to |

Section B : Vocabulary (6 x 1m)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1,2,3 or 4) in the optical answer sheet.

7. It is rude to _____ when somebody is talking.

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| 1) meddle | 2) interrupt |
| 3) interfere | 4) apologise |

8. The astrologist is observing the stars in the night through a _____.

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| 1) horoscope | 2) microscope |
| 3) telescope | 4) stethoscope |

9. The Hawaiians welcomed me by placing a _____ of flowers round my neck when I arrived at the airport.

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| 1) garland | 2) bouquet |
| 3) stalk | 4) bunch |

10. We saw different types of grapes planted in the _____.

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| 1) estate | 2) orchard |
| 3) nursery | 4) farm |

11. The injured dog _____ in pain when I touched its paw.

- 1) purred
- 3) sighed

- 2) squeaked
- 4) whined

12. The children were delighted to have ice-cream and jellies for _____ after dinner.

- 1) dessert
- 3) snack

- 2) ingredients
- 4) recess

Section C : Comprehension MCQ (5x2m)

Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions. Choose the most suitable answer and shade its number (1,2,3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Ten-year-old Jack had just finished watching a television programme on killer whales. He had learnt many interesting facts about the killer whales. Jack had thought that killer whales were like sharks. He was surprised to learn that they were part of the dolphin family and would usually not hurt anyone.

The killer whale was black with a straight fin. There was a white patch behind its eye. Its underside is white. Jack was attracted to its colour as it stood out among the other sea creatures. Its colour helped it to hunt in the sea. As it was black on top, it was difficult for the sea creatures to spot it from the surface of the water. The white colour on the bottom of its body made it look bright with the rays of the sun. In this way it is difficult to see them from below the deep sea.

Jack enjoyed watching the killer whale move in and out of water. Although it was big and heavy, it seemed to move with grace. However, he was sad to hear

that sometimes killer whales were killed by man because of the food the whales eat.

Most killer whales feed on salmon and cod fish. When humans catch these fish, they accidentally caught the killer whales as well.

13. Jack had watched a _____ about killer whales.

- 1) play
- 2) game
- 3) comedy
- 4) documentary

14. Jack thought that killer whales _____.

- 1) ate humans
- 2) behaved like sharks
- 3) were close to the dolphins
- 4) would usually not hurt humans

15. The colour of the killer whale helped it to hunt because _____.

- 1) the fish could not see it
- 2) its whole body was black
- 3) it could hide from its enemies
- 4) the white part of the body shines like the sun

16. The killer whale ate _____.

- 1) sharks and cod fish
- 2) salmon and cod fish
- 3) dolphins and salmon
- 4) humans and sharks

17. Humans usually caught the killer whale _____.

- 1) while it was hunting for food
- 2) to feed the salmon and cod fish
- 3) when they moved gracefully above water
- 4) because salmon and cod fish were not easily found



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Section D: Grammar Cloze (8x1m)

Part 1

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words in the box and write its letter (A to H) in each blank. USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY. (4m)

(A) our	(B) ours	(C) of
(D) to	(E) on.	(F) during
(G) prepare	(H) preparation	

This is a television programme for children entitled 'Now I Know'.

"Hello children. Welcome to another edition of 'Now I Know'. Today

(18) _____ programme is about Christmas. Christmas is celebrated on 25 December every year. It is a time (19) _____ sharing.

(20) _____ this season gifts are exchanged. Christians

(21) _____ for Christmas by buying gifts, cooking delicious food and going to church.

Part 2

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letters (A to H) in each blank. USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) little

~~(B)~~ many

(C) simpler

~~(D)~~ simplest

~~(E)~~ because

(F) although

(G) sided

~~(H)~~ sides

There are (22) _____ ways we can help to save the environment.

The (23) _____ way is to save paper. It is important to save paper

(24) _____ millions of trees are destroyed every year. We should try to

use both (25) _____ of the paper and recycle our unwanted pieces of papers.

Section E : Vocabulary Cloze (8x1m)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to L) in each blank. USE EACH WORD ONLY ONCE

(A) stop	(B) reading	(C) solve
(D) busy	(E) willing	(F) improve
(G) cared	(H) assist	(I) question
(J) proud	(K) encountered	(L) patiently

Annie was (26)_____ a book when her brother came to her for help. He had (27)_____ some difficulties in his Mathematics homework. Annie did not want to (28)_____ reading as the story was exciting. However, she was a responsible sister who would always (29)_____ him. She also knew that her brother needed her help in order to (30)_____ in his studies. She put away her book to help him (31)_____ the problem sums. Annie explained each sum (32)_____ to him. Her brother was happy that he was able to find all the answers in the end. Annie was (33)_____ of her brother for not giving up easily.

Section F : OE Comprehension (5x2m)

Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions.

On Pete's ninth birthday, his father gave him a bundle of joy. A little basket with a little Alsatian puppy was presented to him. He named it Lassie after the famous dog in the popular television series 'Lassie'.

Lassie and Pete went for long walks along the sea front every evening. Pete often stopped at the jetty to talk to an old fisherman while Lassie went around sniffing the fishing nets.

One cold evening, Pete whistled to Lassie to go for their favourite pastime as usual. It did not chase after Pete eagerly as he had expected. Pete's heart was heavy as he knew that something was terribly wrong. He approached it and patted its head. It backed away. He knew he had to get help. He rushed into the kitchen to tell his mother about Lassie.

Suddenly they heard a series of barks. They ran out of the kitchen. Pansy their neighbour's spaniel was still frantically barking when they reached ⁽³⁷⁾ Lassie's stiff body. Lassie had collapsed just before Pansy's barks. Pete shut ⁽³⁸⁾ his eyes in grief as tears rolled down his cheeks.

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34. What ~~was~~ the 'bundle of joy' in the first paragraph?

35. What would Pete do every evening?

36. How ~~did~~ Lassie know when it was time to go for a walk with Pete?

37. Why ~~was~~ Pansy barking?

38. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'feeling sad'?

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| 1) 1 | 27) K |
| 2) 3 | 28) A |
| 3) 2 | 29) H |
| 4) 2 | 30) F |
| 5) 1 | 31) C |
| 6) 4 | 32) L |
| 7) 2 | 33) J |
| 8) 3 | 34) It was a basket with a little Alsatian puppy. |
| 9) 1 | 35) He would go for long walk along the sea front with Lassie. |
| 10) 2 | |
| 11) 4 | 36) Pete would whistle for Lassie. |
| 12) 1 | 37) Lassie had collapsed and its body was stiff. |
| 13) 4 | 38) The word is "grief". |
| 14) 2 | |
| 15) 1 | |
| 16) 2 | |
| 17) 1 | |
| 18) A | |
| 19) C | |
| 20) F | |
| 21) G | |
| 22) B | |
| 23) D | |
| 24) E | |
| 25) H | |
| 26) B | |