



**HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
2015 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION ONE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY THREE**

PART I	14
PART II	36
TOTAL	50

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Duration of Paper: 1h 15min

PART I

Section A: Vocabulary (6 x 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

- The carpenter _____ some nails into the wooden planks to build a new cabinet for my bedroom.
 - pasted
 - sawed
 - threaded
 - hammered()
- After a hot day at the zoo, I had an ice cream to keep me _____.
 - cold
 - cool
 - cozy
 - chilly()
- Cycling in the _____ is Jake's favourite weekend activity with his family.
 - cave
 - lake
 - park
 - swamp()

4. The _____ was called to fix the leaking pipe.

- 1) painter
- 2) plumber
- 3) gardener
- 4) electrician

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5. The unhappy boy _____, "Why must I stay at home to study while everyone gets to go out for a movie?"

- 1) boasted
- 2) bragged
- 3) cheered
- 4) grumbled

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6. My family is on our way to the art _____. We need to buy some oil paintings to decorate the walls in our new apartment.

- 1) gallery
- 2) theatre
- 3) stadium
- 4) university

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Section B: Grammar (8 x 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

7. We needed _____ help in setting up the tent but there was no one around to assist us.-

- 1) none
- 2) some
- 3) many
- 4) several

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8. A lost little sparrow flew _____ my bedroom window last night, giving me a fright.

- 1) for
- 2) with
- 3) among
- 4) through

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9. Afiq _____ be able to attend his sister's concert as he has recovered from his illness.

- 1) can
- 2) shall
- 3) could
- 4) should

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10. The boy is _____ than his cousin as he was able to answer all the questions correctly.

- 1) smart
- 2) smarter
- 3) smartest
- 4) very smart

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11. Would you be interested to _____ a new hobby during the holidays?

- 1) take up
- 2) take off
- 3) take over
- 4) take down

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12. I could cross the road _____ despite having an injured leg.

- 1) itself
- 2) myself
- 3) yourself
- 4) ourselves

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13. Frogs and toads are similar because they both _____ their eggs in water.

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

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14. Joanne was very happy to hear that her best friend could attend her birthday party.

She _____ from ear to ear that entire morning.

- 1) grin
- 2) grins
- 3) had grinned
- 4) was grinning

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PART II

Section C: Grammar Cloze

Passage A (4 x 1 mark)

Read the passage below. Choose the most suitable word from the box and fill in the blanks. Use each word ONCE only.

across	out	over	with
in	from	into	onto

Tom wanted to cross a busy road. He was returning home
15) _____ school. There was an overhead bridge nearby but he did not want
to use it. He thought to himself, "I can run 16) _____ the road.
It will save me a lot of time." He stepped 17) _____ the road.
Then a driver sounded the honk loudly at him. The driver stopped his car and popped his
head 18) _____ of the car window and scolded Tom. Tom realised
his mistake and apologised profusely.

Passage B (4 x 1 mark)

Read the passage below. Choose the most suitable word from the box and fill in the blanks. Use each word ONCE only.

run	running	runs
ran	will run	

Lisa is an avid runner. She 19) _____ every day without fail
unless she is unwell. She is able to keep fit by 20) _____ regularly.
Last year, she 21) _____ in the Great Singapore Marathon and
came in first. Next year, Lisa 22) _____ in the London Marathon
and she hopes to do well. She has been training very hard so that she can come in first
again.

Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage below. Choose the most suitable word from the box and fill in the blanks. Use each word ONCE only.

live	alive	produced	weighs
vary	made	breathe	come

Dolphins are mammals. Like man, they 23) _____ in air so they must come to the surface of the water at regular intervals. They also give birth to their young 24) _____. The young calf stays with its mother for about six years, feeding on the milk 25) _____ by its mother until it is one year old. Dolphins 26) _____ in size, from the one-metre Maui's dolphin to the nine-metre Orca which often 27) _____ as much as six tonnes. They communicate with each other and they are known to be intelligent animals.



SECTION E: Editing (5 x 1 mark)

Each of the underlined word contains a spelling error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes.

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Camille was really excited. Her parents were taking her to an art muzieum!

She could not wait to see all the beautiful sculptures and paintings.

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Once they arrived, Camille immediately started taking fotografs of the different

art works on display. As they walked further down the corridor, she saw an

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elektrishen fixing a light bulb in a dark room. Curious to see what was inside, Camille

and her parents quietly walked into the room.

Once the light bulb was fixed, Camille and her family found themselves looking at a

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painting of a sunflaouer. "It's beautiful," said Camille. "Who painted this, Dad?"

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"This masterpiece was done by Van Gogh, a faymes painter in the 19th century,"

Camille's father replied.



SECTION F: Sentence Manipulation-Combining (2 x 1 mark)

Rewrite the following pairs of sentences as one sentence without changing the original meaning.

33. The rose is a beautiful flower. The orchid is a beautiful flower.

Both _____

34. Jake ran all the way to the bus stop. He still missed the bus.

_____ but



SECTION G: COMPREHENSION (8 x 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 35 to 42.

An elderly carpenter wanted to retire. He told his employer that he planned to leave the house-building business and live a more leisurely life with his wife. He also wanted to spend some time with his grandchildren.

The employer was sorry to see his good worker go. He asked the carpenter if he would build just one more house as a personal favour. The carpenter was unwilling at first but he finally gave in to his employer's request.

However, it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. He cut corners. He did not do his calculations properly so he did not order enough wood. When he ran out of wood, he could not get matching timber. His workmanship was poor too. Door hinges were not fixed straight, so the doors scraped the floors when they were opened. Window frames were not properly set and cold wind blew in. It was an unfortunate way to end his career.

When the carpenter finished his work, he called his employer to come and inspect the house. Instead of checking the house, his employer handed the front-door key to the carpenter. "Here, take the key. This is your house," he said, "it is my gift to you for all you've done for me over the years."

What a shock! What a shame! If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it all so differently. Now he had to live in the home he had built so poorly and with such little pride.

Adapted from Roger Jenkins "The Carpenter"

35. The carpenter wanted to retire and _____ [1m]

- 1) make more furniture
- 2) travel around the world
- 3) build a house for himself
- 4) spend more time with his family

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36. How did the carpenter build the house? [1m]

- 1) The carpenter hired someone else to build it.
- 2) The carpenter did not fix any doors and windows.
- 3) The carpenter made sure everything was done perfectly.
- 4) The carpenter did not fix the doors and windows properly.

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37. Why did the carpenter's employer give him the keys to the house he had built? [1m]

- 1) The carpenter was homeless.
- 2) He wanted to teach the carpenter a lesson.
- 3) He wanted to repay the carpenter for his hard work.
- 4) The carpenter's own house was in a very bad condition.

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For questions 38-40, state whether the sentence is true or false. Write T if the sentence is true and F if the sentence is false. [3m]

		T / F
38.	The carpenter had enough wood to build the house.	
39.	The carpenter's employer gave the house keys to the carpenter.	
40.	The carpenter was very proud of his work.	



41. Order the sentences below according to what happened in the story.
Number the sentences (1, 2 and 3) in the boxes provided.

[1m]

i)	The carpenter took shortcuts and did not build the house properly.	
ii)	The carpenter's employer gave the house to the carpenter.	
iii)	The carpenter unwillingly agreed to build one last house for his employer.	

42. Why did the carpenter build the house so poorly?

[1m]



SECTION H: COMPREHENSION (8 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 43 to 48.

Fern loved Wilbur more than anything. She loved to stroke him, feed him and put him to bed. Every morning, as soon as she got up, she warmed his milk and held the bottle for him. Every afternoon, when the school bus stopped in front of her house, she jumped out and ran to the kitchen to fix another bottle for him. She fed him again at supper time and again, just before going to bed. Mrs Arable fed him around noon time each day when Fern was away in school. Wilbur loved his milk and he was never happier than when Fern was warming up a bottle for him. He would stand and gaze up at her with adoring eyes.

For the first few days of his life, Wilbur was allowed to sleep in a box near the stove in the kitchen. To make his bed more comfortable, Fern lined it with an old towel. Then when Mrs Arable complained that there was not enough room in the kitchen, he was moved to a bigger box in the woodshed. At two weeks of age, he was moved outdoors. It was getting warmer so Mr Arable fixed a small yard specially for Wilbur under the apple tree and gave him a large wooden box full of straw, with a doorway cut in it so he could walk in and out as he pleased.

"Won't he be cold at night?" asked Fern.

"No," said her father. "You watch and see what he does."

Carrying a bottle of milk, Fern sat down under the apple tree inside the yard. Wilbur ran to her and she held the bottle for him while he sucked. When he had finished the last drop, he grunted and walked sleepily into the box. He dug a tunnel with his snout and covered himself completely with straw. Fern was enchanted and relieved that her baby would sleep well, covered up and warm.

Adapted from Charlotte's Web

43. Which word in paragraph one has the same meaning as "look up steadily"? [1m]

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44. Order the sentences below according to what happened in the story. Number the sentences (1, 2 and 3) in the boxes provided. [1m]

i)	Wilbur had to move to a box in the woodshed when Mrs Arable complained.	
ii)	Wilbur slept in a box near the stove in the house when he was just a few days old.	
iii)	As the days grew warmer, Wilbur's home was a box full of straw in a yard under the apple tree.	

For Q45-46, write "T" if the statement is True and "F" if the statement is False. [2m]

Statements		
45.	Mrs Arable did not want Fern to spend too much time with Wilbur.	
46.	Fern took very good care of Wilbur as she loved him very much.	

47. How did Fern feel at first when Mr Arable made Wilbur move outdoors? [2m]

48. Name two things Fern did for Wilbur which showed that she really cared for him. [2m]

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TERM : SA1

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

Q15. From Q16. Across Q17. Onto Q18. Out
Q19.runs Q20.running Q21.ran Q22. Will run Q23.breathe
Q24.alive Q25.produced Q26.vary Q27.weighs Q28.museum
Q29.photographs Q30.electrician Q31.sunflower Q32. Famous

Q33. Both the rose and the orchid are beautiful flowers.
Q34. Jake ran all the way to the bus stop but he still missed the bus.

Q35.4 Q36.4 Q37.3 Q38.FALSE Q39.TRUE Q40.FALSE

Q41i) 2 Q41ii) 3 Q41iii) 1

Q42. The carpenter built the house so poorly because he wanted to spend more time with his family and retire.

Q43. Gaze Q44i) 2 Q44ii) 1 Q44iii) 3

Q45. FALSE Q46. TRUE

Q47. Fern felt worried when Mr Arable made Wilbur move outdoors.

Q48. The first thing Fern did for Wilbur was to line his sleeping box with a old Towel. The second thing that showed that she cared for Wilbur was to feed him with milk

THE END

