



PRIMARY 3 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2015

Name: _____

Date: 12 May 2015

Class: Primary 3 ()

Time: 10.00 a.m. – 11.15 a.m.

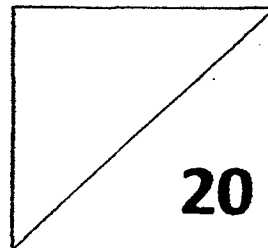
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2 BOOKLET A

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your name, class and register number.
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3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. For questions 1 to 20, shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.



Section A (9 x 1m)

Grammar

For each question from 1 to 9, 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. During the June holidays last year, the scouts managed to _____ two mountains.
 - 1) climb
 - 2) climbs
 - 3) climbed
 - 4) climbing

2. "Look at _____ group of tourists across the road," said Bala.
 - 1) this
 - 2) that
 - 3) these
 - 4) those

3. When Meng Le's mother returned home, he told her that he _____ his dinner.
 - 1) took
 - 2) takes
 - 3) has taken
 - 4) had taken

4. Unfortunately, Jane had to _____ the job offer in order to look after her mother who was very ill.
 - 1) turn up
 - 2) turn on
 - 3) turn into
 - 4) turn down

5. Paul was angry because he was on time for his group meeting _____ the rest of the members were an hour late.
- 1) if
 - 2) so
 - 3) but
 - 4) unless
6. My brother really _____ himself at his birthday party last night
- 1) enjoy
 - 2) enjoys
 - 3) enjoyed
 - 4) has enjoyed
7. The magician, as well as his assistants, _____ getting ready when the fire alarm rang.
- 1) is
 - 2) are
 - 3) was
 - 4) were
8. "Take a rest and make _____ comfortable. The competition will begin soon," the judge told us.
- 1) ourself
 - 2) yourself
 - 3) ourselves
 - 4) yourselves
9. You _____ want to consider Xiaomei's suggestion since she has done this project before.
- 1) can
 - 2) must
 - 3) might
 - 4) should

Section B (6 x 1m)

Vocabulary

For each question from 10 to 15, 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.

10. My mother _____ through her drawer to look for her diamond earrings.
- 1) spied
 - 2) hunted
 - 3) hovered
 - 4) rummaged
11. The pupil applied some ointment on his stomach to _____ the pain.
- 1) relieve
 - 2) release
 - 3) recover
 - 4) remove
12. Recycling is a good habit. It will help us to _____ the resources we have on Earth for as long as we can.
- 1) save
 - 2) reserve
 - 3) defend
 - 4) conserve
13. Even without legs, the alien could _____ across the room as fast as lightning.
- 1) walk
 - 2) crawl
 - 3) slither
 - 4) saunter
14. Lucy put up _____ all around her neighbourhood to appeal for help to look for her missing cat.
- 1) posters
 - 2) banners
 - 3) brochures
 - 4) directories
15. The reckless driver lost his life in the _____ accident.
- 1) fatal
 - 2) scary
 - 3) fearful
 - 4) dangerous

Section C (5 x 1m)

Visual Text Comprehension

Study the following advertisement and answer questions 16 to 20.

Cooking Classes by retired chefs from world-renowned hotels

Venue: Dunlop Community Club

Dates: 10 – 12 June 2015

Class A – Traditional Malay Dishes

Learn to make an appetiser, a main course and a dessert from Mr Ali, who was a popular chef from Shah Hotel.

He has won 5 international culinary awards.

Time: 2.00 to 4.00 p.m.

Day: Wednesdays

Cost: \$110 for four lessons



Class B – Traditional Indian Dishes

Mr Samy who used to be the top chef of Hotel Taj will teach you to whip up a hearty Indian meal. Learn to cook an appetiser, a main course and a dessert.

Time: 9.00 to 11.00 a.m.

Day: Tuesdays

Cost: \$120 for four lessons



Class C – Desserts

Join recently retired dessert queen, Mrs Jean, of Texas Hotel and learn to create three mouth-watering desserts.

Time: 2.00 to 5.00 p.m.

Day: Saturdays

Cost: \$150 for four lessons



**Early Bird
Special!**

Register before
15 May to get an
additional \$5 off.

*\$5 from each registration
will go towards Sunrise
Orphanage.*

To sign up, log on to [http:// www.cooking.dcc.sg](http://www.cooking.dcc.sg)

Call Rebecca at 61123456 for enquiries.

Sign up as a group of six for any of the classes and receive one storage container each.

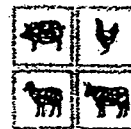
Registration received after 25 May 2015 will not be accepted.

All participants may bring their own storage containers to pack samples of food.

Sponsors: Fruity Farms



Bala's Curry



Kenny's Meat House

For each question from 16 to 20, 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.

16. A portion of the registration fee from the cooking classes will be donated to _____

- 1) Fruity Farms
- 2) Bala's Curry
- 3) Sunrise Orphanage
- 4) Dunlop Community Club

17. Mrs Lim has a sweet tooth and she is only free on weekdays. Which of the following class(es) might she sign up for?

- 1) Class A and B
- 2) Class A and C
- 3) Class B and C
- 4) Class C only

18. Which one of these statements is true?

- 1) The first six participants will receive a storage container each.
- 2) All the cooking classes teach participants how to cook a main dish.
- 3) All participants can bring storage containers to pack food samples.
- 4) Participants can sign up for the cooking classes by calling Rebecca.

19. All participants have to register before _____

- 1) 15 May 2015
- 2) 25 May 2015
- 3) 10 June 2015
- 4) 12 June 2015

20. The cooking classes are conducted by _____

- 1) Rebecca
- 2) the sponsors
- 3) retired chefs
- 4) Dunlop Community Club



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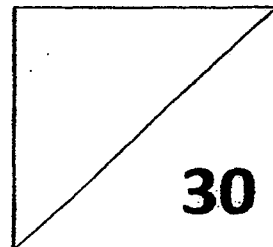
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2 BOOKLET B

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4. Answer all questions.
5. For questions 21 to 42, write your answers in this booklet.



Section D (4 x 1m)

Grammar Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct answer from the words in the box. Write its letter (A to H) in each blank.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) by

(B) from

(C) in

(D) into

(E) off

(F) to

(G) where

(H) which

Indonesia is notorious for its traffic jams. A short twenty-minute journey can turn (21) _____ a frustrating one-hour ride.

"I can't believe this!" exclaimed Mary. "We have hardly moved (22) _____ the past half an hour. I am going to be very late for my interview," she continued. It was Mary's first week in Jakarta, the capital of Indonesia and she was already annoyed.

Suddenly, a roar of sirens filled the air. Curious, Mary peeked out of the taxi window. To her horror, she saw flames billowing (23) _____ a prominent building in the distance.

The taxi driver turned and looked at Mary after taking a glimpse at the building. "Oh dear! That's the building (24) _____ you want to go to," he said. Mary was shocked. She slumped back into her seat, lost for words.

Adapted from Jakarta Post- Readers Forum

Section E (4 x 1m)

Comprehension Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words below in the box. Write its letter (A to H) in each blank.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) clean

(B) concentrated

(C) fragrances

(D) general

(E) natural

(F) scent

(G) smells

(H) strong

In ancient times, perfumes were made by extracting natural oil from plants through pressing and steaming. The oil was then burned to (25) _____ the air. It would take many plants just to get a few (26) _____ drops of perfume.

Now, many years later, many (27) _____ and man-made materials have been used to make perfume. With advanced technology, it is very easy to make similar (28) _____ of your favourite perfumes at very low costs without harming as many plants or trees. Perfumes are used in soaps, cosmetics, air fresheners and even the ink of some pens.

Adapted from <http://www.madehow.com/Volume-2/Perfume>

Section F (4 x 2m)

Synthesis and Transformation

For each of the questions 29 to 32, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentences.

29. Kate continued to read her favourite storybook. Kate was very sleepy.

Although _____

30. The kitten is stuck in the tree. The kitten belongs to Madam Lee.

_____ which

31. "We found a thick wad of dollar notes," the pupils told their principal.

The pupils told their principal that _____

32. Mr Lee enjoys cycling in the park. Mr Lee's brother enjoys cycling in the park too.-

Both _____

Section G (6 x 1m)

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical mistake. A wrong or missing punctuation mark is indicated by a circle. Put the correct punctuation mark or word in the box.

Lucy always enjoys the first snowfall of the year. She enjoys building
(33)
a snowman and having snowball fights with her neighbors. Playing with
(34)
snow is fun but Lucy finds it more interested to know how it is formed.

Lucy found out that snowflakes are made up of crystals of ice that
have formed around bits of dirt in the air. Each flake starts out very small
(35)
and grew as more ice forms around it. All this takes place when the
(36)
tamprature in the clouds is very low.

Though snow can be fun to play with, they can also be a hazard
to road users. Melted snow makes the road very slippery. A heavy snowfall
with strong winds is called a blizzard. It reduces visibility on the roads and
(37)
acidants can take place when the driver is not careful.

(38)
"That's interesting. I thought that snow was a fun thing Lucy
thought to herself. She was glad to learn more facts about snow and she
could share them with her friends at school.

Section H (4 x 2m)

Comprehension Open-ended

Read the passage below and answer questions 39 to 42. Your answers must be based on the passage.

Harry Houdini, one of the most famous magicians of all time, was the master of grand tricks and spectacular escape acts. Born on 24 March 1874, Houdini was one of seven children born to a Jewish priest and his wife. At the age of thirteen, he and his family moved to New York City. It was there that he became interested in magic and tricks. 5

In 1894, Houdini launched his career as a professional magician. Though his magic met with little success, he drew attention for his feats of escape using handcuffs.

In 1899, Houdini's acts caught the attention of an entertainment manager who soon got him performing across countries in Europe. Houdini's feats would involve the local police, who would search him to make sure he was not hiding any key on himself. They would then handcuff him and lock him in a jail cell. They would return minutes later to find the handcuffs there, the doors still locked but Houdini missing. The show was a huge success and Houdini soon became the highest-paid performer. 10 15

In 1912, Houdini's act reached its peak. The escape from a Chinese Water Torture Cell was the hallmark of his career. Houdini was suspended by his feet and lowered upside-down into a locked glass cabinet filled with water. The audience gave a thunderous applause when he made his escape by holding his breath for more than three minutes. An ordinary human being can only hold his breath for less than a minute in water. The performance remained popular until his death in 1926. 20

After his death, Houdini's props were sold to a magician and collector, Sidney Radner. These were displayed in a museum until they were sold at an auction in 2004. Most of the prized pieces, including the Water Torture Cell, went to another world-famous magician, David Copperfield. 25

Adapted From : <http://www.biography.com/people/harry-houdini-40056>

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

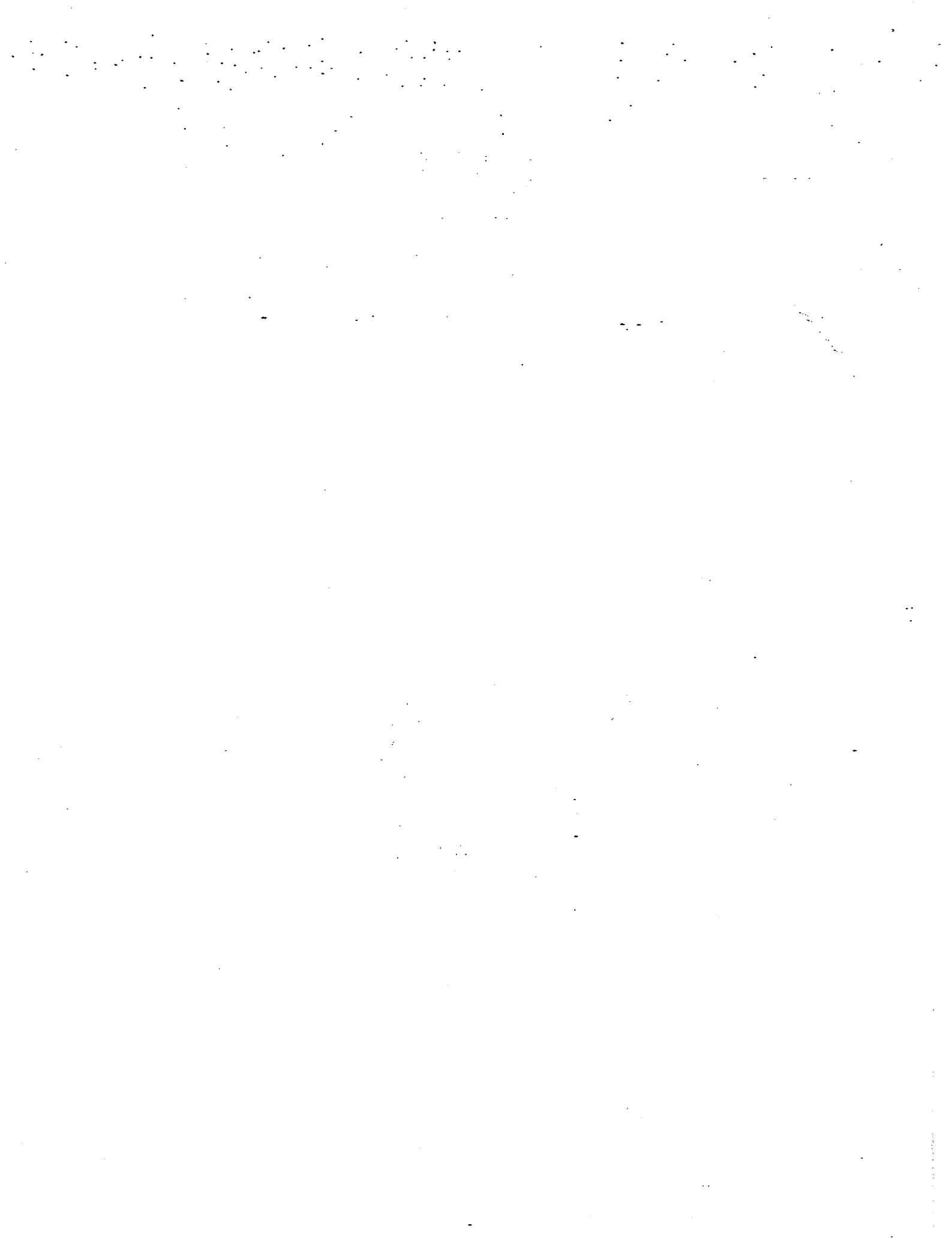
39. When did Houdini develop a liking for magic?

40. Which four-word phrase from lines 6 to 15 tells you that Houdini was not a successful magician at first?

41. Why was Houdini's performance in the Chinese Water Torture Cell considered extraordinary?

42. How did David Copperfield get hold of Houdini's Water Torture Cell?

End of Paper



EXAM PAPER 2015

LEVEL : PRIMARY 3

SCHOOL : TAO NAN SCHOOL

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2015

Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 5	Q 6	Q 7	Q 8	Q 9	Q 10
1	2	4	4	3	3	3	4	3	4
Q 11	Q 12	Q 13	Q 14	Q 15	Q 16	Q 17	Q 18	Q 19	Q 20
1	1	3	1	1	3	1	3	2	3

Q21. D Q22. E Q23. B Q24. H

Q25. F Q26. B Q27. E Q28. C

Q29. Although Kate was very sleepy, she continued to read her favourite storybook.

Q30. The kitten, which is stuck in the tree, belongs to Madam Lee.

Q31. The pupils told their principal that they had found a stick wad of dollar notes.

Q32. Both Mr Lee and his brother enjoy cycling in the park.

Q33. neighbours

Q34. interesting

Q35. grows

Q36. temperature

Q37. accidents

Q38. ,

Q39. It was when he and his family moved to New York City at the age of thirteen.

Q40. It is "met with little success".

Q41. He could hold his breath in the water for three minutes but an ordinary person can only do so for less than a minute.

Q42. He bought it at an auction.

THE END

