



ST. JOSEPH'S INSTITUTION JUNIOR  
END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION  
2023  
PRIMARY THREE

ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PAPER 2

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Date : 26 October 2023

Class : Primary 3 \_\_\_\_\_

48 Questions  
50 Marks  
Duration: 1 h and 15 min

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.
- Read all instructions carefully.
- An Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) is provided for answers to Questions 1 to 14.
- For Questions 15 - 48, answer neatly using a 2B pencil.
- Complete all sections.

| Paper                       | Marks Obtained | Total Marks |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Paper 1                     |                |             |
| Continuous Writing          |                | 20          |
| Oral                        |                |             |
| Reading Aloud               |                | 6           |
| Stimulus-Based Conversation |                | 10          |
| Listening Comprehension     |                | 14          |
| Paper 2                     |                | 50          |
| Total                       |                | 100         |

This booklet consists of 15 pages.

**Vocabulary (6 x 1 mark)**

For each question, 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. Jason and Ian were \_\_\_\_\_ with just a warning because they promised not to play with fire again.

(1) let on  
(2) let up  
(3) let off  
(4) let down

2. Raj bought a meal for the \_\_\_\_\_ boy as he looked like he had not eaten for days.

(1) stout  
(2) chubby  
(3) healthy  
(4) scrawny

3. Rahim bought a \_\_\_\_\_ watermelon from the supermarket. He needed help to carry it home.

(1) vast  
(2) huge  
(3) bulky  
(4) great

4. Peter \_\_\_\_\_ his shoulders and walked away from the school bully who was calling him names.

(1) flipped  
(2) waved  
(3) nodded  
(4) shrugged

5. I always look forward to reunion dinner at my grandmother's house because she cooks a \_\_\_\_\_ meal for us.

(1) rich  
(2) bland  
(3) delicious  
(4) tasteless

6. Ruth eyed the dog \_\_\_\_\_ as she passed by the security post.

- (1) warily
- (2) rashly
- (3) hurriedly
- (4) suspiciously

**Grammar** (8 x 1 mark)

For each question, 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.

7. "How \_\_\_\_\_ time do you need to finish your homework?" Mother asked Tina.

- (1) most
- (2) more
- (3) much
- (4) many

8. The children pleaded with \_\_\_\_\_ mother to let them play outside.

- (1) my
- (2) his
- (3) our
- (4) their

9. "While you \_\_\_\_\_, I cooked your favourite meal," Mother told Karen.

- (1) sleep
- (2) will sleep
- (3) was sleeping
- (4) were sleeping

10. "Siti, this is your pencil, \_\_\_\_\_ it?" asked Mathew.

- (1) is
- (2) isn't
- (3) was
- (4) wasn't

11. Jay and Ken did not \_\_\_\_\_ to school as they were not feeling well.

- (1) go
- (2) goes
- (3) gone
- (4) going

12. Mother reminded the twins to take care of \_\_\_\_\_ before they left for their camping trip.

- (1) himself
- (2) ourselves
- (3) yourselves
- (4) themselves

13. \_\_\_\_\_ in the class dislikes Junxiang because he likes to play pranks on people. It is no wonder he has no friends.

- (1) Nobody
- (2) Anybody
- (3) Somebody
- (4) Everybody

14. Nobody answered the door \_\_\_\_\_ I left after a while.

- (1) if
- (2) so
- (3) for
- (4) but

**Grammar Cloze 1 (4 x 1 mark)**

Read the following 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.**

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|----------|-----------|----------|
| (A) on   | (C) about | (E) at   |
| (B) from | (D) of    | (F) with |

When the bell rang, Grace rushed to get home. While walking home, she met a man (15) \_\_\_\_\_ a mole on his cheek.

"Would you like a cupcake? It is fresh (16) \_\_\_\_\_ the oven," he said.

Grace's stomach growled (17) \_\_\_\_\_ the sight of the cupcake.

She licked her lips, but then remembered the story of Hansel and Gretel. This man reminded her (18) \_\_\_\_\_ the witch in that story.

She declined and headed home.

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Score:

**Grammar Cloze 2 (4 x 1 mark)**

Read the following 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) go

(C) are going

(E) were going

(B) goes

(D) was going

(F) went

During the holidays, Luke's parents decided to take him to Legoland. Luke could not wait to (19) \_\_\_\_\_ on the rides there.

The family reached the park early. Luke ran towards the Flying Fox excitedly. His father had given him twenty dollars to spend at the park. He loved thrilling rides. He (20) \_\_\_\_\_ to spend the money on such rides.

Soon, it was closing time. Luke (21) \_\_\_\_\_ home feeling tired, but happy. Seeing how Luke had enjoyed himself, his parents (22) \_\_\_\_\_ to plan another trip soon. Luke is looking forward to it already.

(Teacher generated)

Score:

**Vocabulary Cloze 1** (4 x 1 mark)

Read the following 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.**

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|----------------|-------------------|-------------|
| (A) violently  | (C) softly        | (E) kindly  |
| (B) sheepishly | (D) unnecessarily | (F) quietly |

"You are now entering the alien zone. Please do not make any noise

(23)\_\_\_\_\_. If you really need to, speak

(24)\_\_\_\_\_. Do not look to your right or left, but walk briskly in a

single file. The aliens do not take (25)\_\_\_\_\_ to loud sounds or

sudden movements. It is best to observe them (26)\_\_\_\_\_ without

them noticing your presence," advised the voice over the speaker.

Just then, the alarm rang and Zane had to wake up to get ready for school.

(Teacher generated)

Score:

**Vocabulary Cloze 2 (4 x 1 mark)**

**Read the following passage carefully. Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.**

There was a thunderstorm last Friday night. Several areas in western Singapore were (27)\_\_\_\_\_ by a blackout. It happened so suddenly that many families were caught off guard. Some people were (28)\_\_\_\_\_ their favourite television shows or reading the newspaper, while most children were doing their homework. Many people (29)\_\_\_\_\_ to call the Singapore Power Supply but they could not get through. Some of them complained that they could not (30)\_\_\_\_\_ any updates and became frustrated. Thankfully, power was restored after about three hours.

(Source: The Straits Times, March 2021)

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**Sentence Combining (4 x 1 mark)**

Read the following sentences carefully. For each question, combine the sentences to make **one** sentence using the word(s) given. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the sentences given.

- 31 Ben needed a drink. He went to the kitchen.

\_\_\_\_\_ so

\_\_\_\_\_

- 32 Mary likes to bake cakes. Sarah likes to bake cakes too.

\_\_\_\_\_ and

\_\_\_\_\_

- 33 Jessy likes basketball. Jessy does not like netball.

\_\_\_\_\_ but

\_\_\_\_\_

- 34 He was walking back to his house. He heard a loud explosion.

\_\_\_\_\_ when

\_\_\_\_\_

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**Comprehension 1 (8 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

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| <p>Ella was a popular girl in class. She was kind and friendly towards her classmates. She had many friends but could not spend much time with each of them.</p> <p>One day, Ella and her classmates drew and made gifts during friendship day. Mrs Lee had instructed the class to make three presents each to give to three of their closest friends.</p> | 5  |
| <p>When her classmates gave out all their presents, Ella was the only one who received none! She felt terrible and cried. How can it be? She had so many friends. Her classmates consoled her, each spending a short time with her, and then left her side.</p>   |    |
| <p>When she got home, she cried and asked her mother where she could find true friends.</p>   | 10 |
| <p>"If you really want true friends, you will have to spend time with them. You must show care and be available to them in good and bad times," answered her mother.</p> <p>"But I want to be everybody's friend!" Ella protested.</p>  |    |
| <p>"There just isn't enough time to be available for everyone, so it is possible to just have a few true friends. The others will be playmates," advised her mother.</p>  | 15 |
| <p>Ella realised that she was a good companion but not a true friend. That night, she decided to change her ways so that she could have some true friends.</p>  |    |
| <p>(Source: <a href="https://mlinepublishing.geneseo.edu/">https://mlinepublishing.geneseo.edu/</a>)</p>  |    |

- 35 From paragraph 1, write down the **word** that has the same meaning as 'well-liked'. [1m]

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Answer Question 36 in a complete sentence.

- 36 Based on paragraph 2, explain why Ella did not receive any gifts from her classmates. [1m]

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\_\_\_\_\_

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- 37 Arrange the events in the right sequence, according to the flow of the story. Write 1, 2 and 3 on the lines below. [1m]

\_\_\_\_\_ Ella knew what she needed to do.

\_\_\_\_\_ Ella did not receive any presents from her classmates.

\_\_\_\_\_ Ella celebrated friendship day.

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- 38 Put a tick (✓) in the box for the correct answer.

Referring to the last paragraph, which of the following **best** describes Ella's emotion after listening to her mother's advice? [1m]

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| <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |

happy

regretful

excited

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Score:

For Questions 39 and 40, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False".  
The first example has been done for you. [2m]

| Statement |                                     | True | False |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|------|-------|
| Example   | Ella was a proud girl.              |      | ✓     |
| 39        | Ella did not have any friends.      |      |       |
| 40        | Only Ella's mother gave her advice. |      |       |

- 41 Which word in the sentence below has the same meaning as 'affection'?  
Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

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You must show care and be available to them in good and bad times.  
(A) (B)

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Answer Question 42 in a complete sentence.

- 42 Based on paragraph 5, what do you think Ella would do to have true friends? [1m]

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**Comprehension 2 (8 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

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| <p>A merchant wanted to sell a few sacks of salt in the nearby village. He tied up the sacks of salt on his donkey and set off.</p>  |    |
| <p>The sacks were very heavy and the donkey felt very tired. When they came to a river, they walked across the shallow water carefully. Suddenly, the donkey accidentally tripped and fell into the water. The weight of the sacks shrank as the salt in them reduced tremendously as it got dissolved in the water. As such, the sacks felt lighter when the donkey stood up. The merchant was very upset and led the donkey back home.</p> | 5  |
| <p>The next day, when they came to the river, the donkey remembered what had happened earlier and fell into the water on purpose. The trick worked! The merchant watched the donkey fall but said nothing.</p>   | 10 |
| <p>On the third day, the merchant placed the same sacks on the donkey. Unknown to the donkey, the sacks were filled with cotton this time. The donkey followed the merchant happily.</p>   |    |
| <p>When they reached the river, the donkey tried the same trick again. He jumped into the water but this time, could not stand up. The load of the sacks was three times heavier than before as the cotton had absorbed the water. After watching the donkey struggle in the water for a while, the merchant removed the sacks of cotton and led the drenched donkey out of the river.</p>   | 15 |
| <p>He looked at his donkey and scolded, "Do not try to be lazy again." When the donkey realised that the merchant was teaching him a lesson, he was embarrassed and hung his head low. After that incident, the donkey never tried to be lazy again.</p>   | 20 |
| <p>(Adapted from <a href="http://www.shortstories4kids.com.html">http://www.shortstories4kids.com.html</a>)</p>  |    |

Answer Question 43 in a complete sentence.

43 What did the merchant do for a living?

[1m]

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44 Tick ☒ one adjective to show how the merchant felt when he realised what the donkey was doing on the second day.

[1m]

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disappointed

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curious

☐

worried

45 Which word in paragraph 5 has the same meaning as 'completely wet'?

[1m]

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For Questions 46 (a) and (b), read each statement and tick ☒ "True" or "False".

The first example has been done for you.

[2m]

|         | Statement  | True                     | False                               |
|---------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Example | The donkey was happy to carry the heavy sacks.                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 46 (a)  | The donkey fell into the river accidentally on the second day. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 46 (b)  | The donkey learnt his lesson in the end.                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

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Score:

**Answer Question 47 in a complete sentence.**

- 47** Why did the merchant choose cotton in order to teach the donkey a lesson? [2m]

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- 48** Arrange the events in the right sequence, according to the flow of the story. Write **1, 2** and **3** on the lines below. [1m]

\_\_\_\_\_ The donkey discovered a trick to make his work easier.

\_\_\_\_\_ The donkey fell into the water accidentally.

\_\_\_\_\_ The donkey fell into the water with the sacks of cotton.

**END OF PAPER**

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**PAPER 2**

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| Q1  | Q2  | Q3  | Q4  | Q5  | Q6  | Q7  | Q8  | Q9  | Q10 |
| 3   | 4   | 2   | 4   | 3   | 1   | 3   | 4   | 4   | 2   |
| Q11 | Q12 | Q13 | Q14 | Q15 | Q16 | Q17 | Q18 | Q19 | Q20 |
| 1   | 4   | 4   | 2   | F   | B   | E   | D   | A   | D   |
| Q21 | Q22 | Q23 | Q24 | Q25 | Q26 |     |     |     |     |
| F   | C   | D   | C   | E   | F   |     |     |     |     |

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| Q27 | Hit  |
| Q28 | Watching   |
| Q29 | Needed   |
| Q30 | Get  |
| Q31 | Ben needed a drink so he went to the kitchen.                    |
| Q32 | Mary and Sarah like to bake cakes.                               |
| Q33 | Jessy likes basketball but she does not like netball.            |
| Q34 | He heard a loud explosion when he was walking back to his house. |
| Q35 | Popular  |
| Q36 | Ella did not have any true friends.                              |
| Q37 | 3, 2, 1  |
| Q38 | ✓ regretful  |
| Q39 | False  |
| Q40 | True   |
| Q41 | A  |
| Q42 | Ella would spend time with time.                                 |
| Q43 | He sold salt.  |



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|------|--|
| Q44  | ✓ disappointed   |
| Q45  | Drenched   |
| Q46a | False  |
| Q46b | True   |
| Q47  | The cotton would absorb and become heavier making it difficult for the donkey to get out of the water. |
| Q48  | 2, 1, 3  |