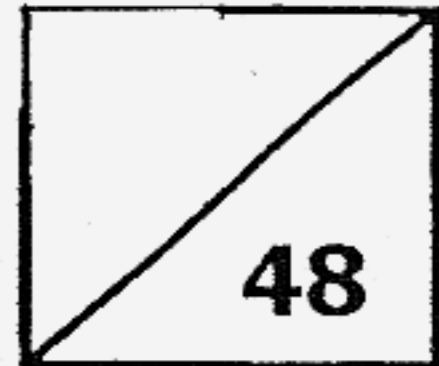




ROSYTH SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2 2007
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 3

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Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

	Maximum	Marks Obtained
Grammar/Vocabulary	28	
Comprehension (MCQ)	10	
Comprehension OE	10	
Total	48	

* This paper consists of 10 pages altogether.

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Section A: Vocabulary (14 marks)

For questions 1 to 6, choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided. (6 X 1 mark)

1. The Chinese emperor was keen to trade with his neighbours so he sent his _____ to tell the local rulers of those countries.

(1) envoy

(2) slave

(3) trader

(4) officer

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2. Wild animals are sometimes forced to look for food in human neighbourhoods. It was therefore not surprising that a _____ of foxes was seen foraging for food at a rubbish dump.

(1) mob

(2) skulk

(3) herd

(4) family

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3. Camping by a _____ stream is a better choice than camping by a stagnant pond. You can get freshwater for drinking and cooking.

(1) swishing

(2) splashing

(3) gurgling

(4) gargling

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4. I have been reminded by my parents repeatedly that if I want to get on in life, I must have determination and drive.

(1) enjoy my life

(2) become popular

(3) succeed in life

(4) become a winner

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5. Yesterday I forgot my umbrella when I went out and was _____ from the heavy downpour.

(1) dripped

(2) drenched

(3) dunked

(4) dampened

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6. It was a surprise when my class was awarded a _____, which we duly displayed on a noticeboard, for being the cleanest class in the school last term.

(1) token

(2) reward

(3) voucher

(4) certificate

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For questions 7 to 14, read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to K) in each blank. The letter "I" has been omitted to avoid confusion. USE A WORD ONLY ONCE.

(8 X 1 mark)

(A) fenced	(B) information	(C) rolled	(D) saddened
(E) menacingly	(F) resources	(G) loudly	(H) majestic
(J) blazing	(K) enlightened		

This year, we were taken on a learning journey to the Singapore Zoo. We had to gather all sorts of (7) _____ there in order to complete the Maths and Science tasks given.

Along the way, we saw the (8) _____ white tigers. They looked really big and strong. One of the male tigers roared (9) _____ when it saw us. Luckily, it was (10) _____ in and we were safe from its (11) _____ sharp claws and teeth!

Another amazing animal we saw was the polar bear. Sheba, the mother bear, was playfully pawing her son, Inuka. As it was a ⁽¹²⁾~~(11)~~ _____ afternoon, it was not long before both yawned and (13) _____ over on their backs and fell asleep right before our very eyes! Looking at them, we were (14) _____ by the thought that once Sheba dies, Inuka will be sent to a German zoo. When that time comes, we hope that Inuka will not miss Singapore as much as we will miss him.

Section B: Grammar (14 marks)

For questions 15 to 20, choose the most suitable answer and write the number in the brackets provided. (6 X 1 mark)

15. Do _____ safety first when you are carrying out Science experiments in the laboratory.

(1) practise

(2) practised

(3) practises

(4) practising

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16. I screamed out in anguish when I saw the goalkeeper _____ to keep out the ball during a soccer match yesterday.

(1) fail

(2) failed

(3) fails

(4) will fail

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17. He wishes his mother _____ the cooking for the family lunch on weekends.

(1) do

(2) does

(3) did

(4) done

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18. Friends are important to me because they are people I can share most of my secrets _____.

(1) on

(2) with

(3) at

(4) between

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19. " _____ flowers are fresher than the ones in the next stall. Let's buy them," May suggested to her aunt.

(1) This

(2) Those

(3) That

(4) These

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20. "Can I go to the movies tomorrow?" Sally asked her mother.

- (1) Sally asked Mother can she go to the movies tomorrow.
- (2) Sally asked Mother if she can go to the movies the next day.
- (3) Sally asked her mother if she could go to the movies tomorrow.
- (4) Sally asked her mother if she could go to the movies the next day.

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For questions 21 to 24, read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank. **USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.** (4 X 1 mark)

(A) could	(B) tried	(C) enjoyed	(G) studied
(D) should	(E) learn	(F) studying	

I am a Rosythian. I have been (21) _____ in Rosyth School since 2005. I (22) _____ the two years where the class enrolment was only thirty! Not only was the classroom more spacious, it seemed like we (23) _____ talk and play more too.

Now that I am in Primary Three, I must (24) _____ to be a little more independent and make the right choices – choices that do not get me into trouble with my parents, teachers and friends.

For questions 25 to 28, read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank. USE A WORD ONCE ONLY. (4 X 1 mark)

(A) and	(B) but	(C) so that	(G) although
(D) because	(E) unlike	(F) while	

When tourists come to Singapore, they are always taken to places like Kampong Glam (25) _____ Chinatown. (26) _____ Malaysia, which has long stretches of beaches and hill resorts, the attractions in our country tend to be man-made. This does not mean that we lack nature places (27) _____ there are the Sungei Buloh Nature Park and Bukit Timah Forest Reserve, for example. Tourists can also visit such places (28) _____ they can enjoy not only our cultural heritage but natural attractions as well.

Section C: Comprehension Cloze (5 marks)

For questions 29 to 33, read the passage carefully. Fill in each of the blanks with the most suitable word. (5 X 1 mark)

A bar graph is also known as a block graph or a bar chart. It can be drawn (29) _____ or horizontally. It is drawn either on (30) _____ or squared paper. If you use a plain paper, you will have to measure, mark and draw the (31) _____ yourself. In a squared paper, the lines are (32) _____ drawn for you. Thus, working on a squared paper is more (33) _____ and ~~more~~ accurate.

Once you have learnt to draw bar graphs, it is possible for you to show information in a different and interesting way.

Section D: Comprehension (MCQ) (5 marks)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the most suitable option and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided. (5 X 1 mark)

Once all pelicans were black. Sleekest and blackest of them all was Boora, the only pelican to own a canoe. He did not need it of course, not with those big paddling feet of his, but he enjoyed feeling superior to all the other pelicans.

One day after a storm flooded the river, Boora saw three women trapped on an island. They cried for help when they saw Boora with his canoe. Boora looked hard at Kantiki, the youngest, who was very pretty. "All right," he said, "I'll help," but secretly he was planning to kidnap her.

One by one he ferried them across to dry land, leaving Kantiki, till last. But she guessed what he was up to, and while he was paddling her sisters across the water, she wrapped a skin rug around a small log of wood. Then she slipped into the water, preferring to risk swimming to safety rather than trusting Boora.

When Boora returned and saw what he thought ^{was} ~~as~~ the girl asleep, he angrily kicked her and of course, only hurt his foot. Furious over being tricked, he paddled back to his camp. There he splashed himself with white paint the way the Australian Aborigines did when about to go off and fight. But before he could set out to capture Kantiki, the older pelicans saw him. Disgusted with the way he looked, they drove him from the camp. However, some of the younger pelicans thought Boora looked rather dashing, so they decided to paint themselves white too. They did not do a perfect job so most pelicans are black and white today.

(adapted from a story in 'The Dreamtime Book' by Roberts and Mountford (Rigby).

34. According to the author, Boora did not need a canoe because he _____.

- (1) was a superior swimmer
- (2) could fly wherever he liked
- (3) was already a handsome bird
- (4) could use his limbs to propel himself in water ()

35. Why did Boora look hard at Kantiki? He was _____.

- (1) short-sighted
- (2) attracted by her beauty
- (3) examining the girl closely
- (4) deciding on what to do next ()

36. How did Kantiki trick Boora? It was by _____.

- (1) pretending to be a log with the skin rug
- (2) slipping into the water and swimming away
- (3) letting her older sister leave with Boora first
- (4) making him think she was still waiting on the island ()

37. Which plan of action did Boora have in mind when he realized he had been tricked? It was to _____.

- (1) kick the sleeping girl angrily
- (2) splash himself with white paint
- (3) hurriedly paddle back to camp
- (4) go on a mission to find the girl ()

38. What would be a suitable title for the story? It is "_____".

- (1) Story of Kantiki and Boora
- (2) The Pelican's Misadventure
- (3) Boora and the First White Pelican
- (4) How Pelicans Changed Their Colours ()

Section E: Comprehension (Open-Ended)

Read the following passage carefully. Then write the answers for questions 39 to 43. (5 X 2 marks)

Wendy's Diary

Sunday, 30 May

My second day in Bangkok, Thailand

8.00 am	I woke up to another exciting day in Bangkok. It was the second day of our 5-day tour around the city. I had a hearty breakfast of Thai-style prata and fresh orange juice with Mum and Dad.	
9.00 am	We went to Chatuchak Market. There were countless stalls selling local crafts, T-shirts and food. Mum bought a mobile made from recycled drink cans while I bought a cloth bag. We also toured Chinatown, a colourful and bustling place in downtown Bangkok.	5
1.00 pm	We stopped for a late lunch at a fast food joint, which was located beside the Chao Phraya River. We sat outside the restaurant so that we could enjoy the endless river breeze. So refreshing!	10
2.00 pm	We stopped at the popular tourist district of Silom where Mum bought clothes and shoes for the family.	
5.00 pm	We returned to our comfortable hotel which was nearby for a shower before heading out again.	
6.30 pm	Dinner was at the famous night market of Suan-Lum. There were lots of restaurants, food courts and amusement outlets. After dinner, we ate coconut-flavoured ice-cream and pancake. They were the best I had ever tasted.	15
9.30 pm	Took a slow stroll back to the hotel. I had another wonderful day in Bangkok.	20

39. When did the writer reach Bangkok?

40. Where did the writer's mother buy the environmentally-friendly souvenir from?

41. Why did the ^{writer} ~~author~~ find having lunch outside the restaurant 'refreshing'?

42. What does the word 'They' in line 17 refer to?

43. Which sentence in the passage tells you that the writer enjoyed her day there?

**** End of paper****

Have you checked your work?

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Answer Keys

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
1	2	3	3	2	4	B	H	G	A
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
E	J	C	D	1	1	3	2	4	4
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39. The writer reached Bangkok on Saturday, twenty ninth of May.
40. She brought it from the stall in Chatuchak market.
41. They sat outside the restaurant so that they can enjoy the endless river breeze.
42. It refers to coconut flavored ice-cream and the pancake.
43. The sentence is "I had another wonderful day in Bangkok."