

Primary 3 · English · Advanced English Practice

Vocabulary in context

Time **25 min** Marks **15** Questions **15**

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1. Read the whole sentence before you choose. The words around the blank tell you which choice fits.
2. For each question, write the number of the word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

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Questions 1 to 15 carry 1 mark each.

- 1** Mei Ling and her cousin had not spoken since their quarrel at Chinese New Year. After their grandmother talked to them, they decided to stop blaming each other and [1]
- (1) cry over spilt milk
 - (2) let sleeping dogs lie
 - (3) bite off more than they could chew
 - (4) count their chickens before they hatched
- 2** Ravi tried to hide a sigh as Uncle Ben started yet another of his accounts of the same fishing trip, which never seemed to end. [1]
- (1) occasional
 - (2) cheerful
 - (3) endless
 - (4) amusing
- 3** The old well sits at the top of a cliff with no path up to it. It is completely, so the village children have never seen it up close. [1]
- (1) uninteresting
 - (2) unreachable
 - (3) uncomfortable
 - (4) unbelievable

- 4** The class picnic is planned for Saturday. If the field is flooded, we will have to fall back on our arrangement and stay in the hall. [1]
- (1) backup
 - (2) urgent
 - (3) reliance
 - (4) advantage
- 5** Any pair that failed to finish the first round of the quiz was and did not go on to the final. [1]
- (1) knocked out
 - (2) left out
 - (3) thrown out
 - (4) sent out
- 6** It is simply that Siti would copy her friend's homework. She is the most honest pupil in our class. [1]
- (1) careless
 - (2) unthinkable
 - (3) unforgivable
 - (4) unfriendly
- 7** Hafiz's mother told him to revise for his test instead of spending the evening on games that would not help him at all. [1]
- (1) small
 - (2) lacking
 - (3) important
 - (4) pointless
- 8** "You can practise all week and you still will not beat me," the boastful boy said to his teammate. [1]
- (1) scornfully
 - (2) thoughtfully
 - (3) kindly
 - (4) guiltily

- 9** After a long quarrel over the shared corridor, the two neighbours agreed to and greet each other again. [1]
- (1) call it a day
 - (2) spill the beans
 - (3) mend fences
 - (4) hit the books
- 10** Round by round, the list of pupils still in the spelling bee was until only two remained. [1]
- (1) cut down
 - (2) pared down
 - (3) worn down
 - (4) run down
- 11** After leaving the bakery, Mr Tan opened a small bicycle shop. He earns less, but he comes home in time for dinner with his family every evening. As people say, ". . . .!" [1]
- (1) The early bird catches the worm
 - (2) Every cloud has a silver lining
 - (3) Too many cooks spoil the broth
 - (4) A stitch in time saves nine
- 12** Auntie Lim never has much money left at the end of the month, so she has to carefully before she buys anything. [1]
- (1) add
 - (2) plan
 - (3) control
 - (4) compare
- 13** Wei Jie was when he learnt that his football team would play in the final at the new stadium. [1]
- (1) on thin ice
 - (2) in deep water
 - (3) out of the woods
 - (4) on cloud nine

- 14** The actions of the two lifeguards saved the swimmers caught in the current. [1]
Both will receive awards at the assembly tomorrow.
- (1) boastful
 - (2) careless
 - (3) brave
 - (4) quiet
- 15** The swimming gala had to be until the following week because of the thunderstorm. [1]
- (1) put away
 - (2) put down
 - (3) put back
 - (4) put across

Answer sheet

Write your answer for each multiple-choice question.

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