2016 Tryout Study (Primary 3) Assessment Design

English Language (Reading and Writing Assessment)

Design Rationale

- The reading and writing assessment tasks for the 2016 Tryout Study (Primary 3) were designed with reference to the prevailing curriculum documents and in alignment with the requirements of the basic competencies of Key Stage 1 students.
- Based on the recommendations of the Working Group on Papers and Question Design of the Coordinating Committee on Basic Competency Assessment and Assessment Literacy, the principles for modifications include relating assessment items to students' life experiences and tying in with their cognitive development, serving to lessen students' burden of learning, aligning with the spirit of the curriculum and reflecting the standards of basic competencies. The Moderation Committee accepted the recommendations and modifications were made in the following aspects:
 - The paper layout was improved. For example, a text was placed alongside the questions as far as possible and the number of pages was kept to a minimum to make it more convenient for students to write their answers;
 - To help students manage the assessment time for the reading and writing papers, invigilators announced the time twice during the examination, i.e. 15 minutes and 5 minutes before the end of examination:
 - For the Reading parts, the number of parts was reduced from four to three, the number of words per reading task was limited to not more than 150, and the number of words of the whole paper was capped at 400. There were around 20 items in each sub-paper. Assessment items which involve the application of numeracy skills were avoided; and
 - For the Writing part, items expecting answers in the past tense were avoided, such as writing a recount. Items on picture-aided storytelling were retained because students could use either the present tense or the past tense.

Details of the Assessment Papers

• There are three Reading & Writing sub-papers for the 2016 Tryout Study (Primary 3). For each sub-paper, Parts 1 to 3 are on reading and Part 4 is on writing. The total assessment time is 30 minutes.

Reading

- Students are assessed on their ability to use a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of clues.
- There are three reading tasks in each assessment paper with a total of 20 reading items in each sub-paper. The number of words per reading text is limited to not more than 150 words. The total number of words for the reading texts in each sub-paper is

not more than 400 words.

• There are different text types in the assessment papers (e.g. advertisements, posters and stories). P3 students are familiar with these text types. The topics of the reading tasks are related to students' daily life experiences (e.g. sale, food, school activities).

Writing

- Students are assessed in terms of content and language. They are assessed on their ability to write and/or respond to short and simple texts with relevant information and ideas. About 15 minutes are allotted for completion of one writing task in about 30 words.
- The topics of the writing tasks, which are about school life, are related to students' daily life experiences. In terms of language, students are assessed on their ability to complete the writing tasks with a small range of vocabulary, sentence patterns and cohesive devices with the help of clues.

Reading and Writing Assessment Sub-paper 1 (3ERW1)

Module/Unit	BC*	Item No.	Option / Answer
Places and Activities Let's go shopping	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW1 Part 1 Q01 1. John wants to buy three T-shirts. He pays • A. \$100	A Correct Answer B C
	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW1 Part 1 Q02 2. John can buy toys on thefloor. A sixth	B C Correct Answer D

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Module/Unit	ВС	Item No.	Option / Answer
Places and Activities • Let's go shopping	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW1 Part 1 Q03 3. John can go to the sale on O A. 6 June O B. 15 June O C. 5 July D 28 July Question Intent: Understanding the connection between ideas by identifying a small range of cohesive devices	B C Correct Answer D
	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW1 Part 1 Q04 4. John pays \$45 to buy	B Correct Answer C
	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW1 Part 1 Q05 5. The store closes at	B C D Correct Answer

Module/Unit	ВС	Item No.	Option / Answer
Places and Activities Ready to read	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW1 Part 2 Q01 1. How much is the book now? A. \$50 C. \$70 D. \$80 Question Intent: Recognizing key words in a sentence	A Correct Answer B C
	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW1 Part 2 Q02 2. What is the name of the elephant? O A. Holly O C. Ken O D. Timmy Question Intent: Recognizing key words in a sentence	B Correct Answer C
	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW1 Part 2 Q03 3. The elephant cannot dance well because A. she cannot make friends	B C D Correct Answer

Module/Unit	ВС	Item No.	Option / Answer
Places and Activities Ready to read	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW1 Part 2 Q04 4. Where is the dance competition? O A. in Central Library O B. in a forest O D at Holly Bookshop Question Intent: Recognizing key words in a sentence	A B C Correct Answer D
	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW1 Part 2 Q05 5. Where does the tiger live? A. O. B. Question Intent: Predicting the meaning of unfamiliar words by using picture cues and contextual clues	A Correct Answer B C
	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW1 Part 2 Q06 6. The story-telling is on O A. 3 November O B. 4 November C. 5 November O D. 6 November Question Intent: Recognizing key words in a sentence	B C Correct Answer D

Module/Unit	ВС	Item No.	Option / Answer
Places and Activities • Ready to read	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW1 Part 2 Q07 7. When does the story-telling start? ○ A. at 1:30 p.m.	A B Correct Answer C
Caring and Sharing Good days	Using a small range of reading	3ERW1 Part 3 Q01 1. How do Bob and his mum go to the market?	А
and bad days	strategies to understand the meaning	O A. B.	B Correct Answer
	of short and simple texts with the help		С
	of cues	○ C. ○ D.	D
		Question Intent: Recognizing key words in a sentence	
	Using a small range of reading	3ERW1 Part 3 Q02 2. Read line 5. The word 'they' refers to • A. the people in the market • B. Bob and his muin • C. the oranges • D. the fish	А
	strategies to understand the meaning	Question Intent: Understanding the connection between ideas by identifying a	В
	of short and simple texts	small range of cohesive devices	C Correct Answer
	with the help of cues		D

Module/Unit	ВС	Item No.	Option / Answer
Caring and Sharing Good days and bad days	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW1 Part 3 Q03 3. Where is the big fish? A. in a tank C. in a bag Question Intent: Recognizing key words in a sentence	A Correct Answer B C
	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW1 Part 3 Q04 4. Bob's face is wet and dirty. How does he feel? A. O B. Question Intent: Recognizing key words in a sentence	A Correct Answer B C
	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW1 Part 3 Q05 5. What does Bob take from his trousers? O A. O B. Question Intent: Predicting the meaning of unfamiliar words by using picture cues and contextual clues	B C D Correct Answer

Module/Unit	ВС	Item No.	Option / Answer
Caring and Sharing Good days and bad days	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning	3ERW1 Part 3 Q06 6. Read line 11. Bob hears his mum calling him. What does he do? A. He goes home. C. He drops the fish. D. He stops crying. Question Intent: Understanding the connection between ideas by identifying a	В
	of short and simple texts with the help of cues	small range of cohesive devices	D Correct Answer
	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW1 Part 3 Q07 7. Bob cannot eat his ice cream because O A his face is wet O B his mum does not buy it O C. he is carcless O D. he cries Question Intent: Understanding the connection between ideas by identifying a small range of cohesive devices	B C Correct Answer D
	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW1 Part 3 Q08 8. Read line 12. What does 'it' refer to? O A. the water O C. the bag Question Intent: Understanding the connection between ideas by identifying a small range of cohesive devices	B Correct Answer C

Reading and Writing Assessment Sub-paper 2 (3ERW2)

Module/Unit	BC*	Item No.	Option / Answer
Places and Activities Let's go shopping	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW2 Part 1 Q01 1. How much is the fish burger? A. \$15 C. \$18 Cuestion Intent: Recognizing key words in a sentence	A Correct Answer B C
	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW2 Part 1 Q02 2. John can buy the new burgers at O A. Chinese New Year O B. Easter O C. Mid-Autumn Festival D. Christmas Question Intent: Recognizing key words in a sentence	B C D Correct Answer

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Module/Unit	ВС	Item No.	Option / Answer
Places and Activities Let's go shopping	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW2 Part 1 Q03 3. The chicken burger has in it.	B C Correct Answer D
	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW2 Part 1 Q04 4. The chicken burger is	A Correct Answer B C
	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW2 Part 1 Q05 5. The fish, cheese and tomatoes are from A. Canada and China C. China and the USA D. the USA and Japan Question Intent: Understanding the connection between ideas by identifying a small range of cohesive devices	A B Correct Answer C

Module/Unit	ВС	Item No.	Option / Answer
Places and Activities School days	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW2 Part 2 Q01 1. When does the Spring Cleaning Day start? O A. at 9 a.m. O C. at 2 p.m. O D. at 3 p.m. Question Intent: Recognizing key words in a sentence	B Correct Answer C
	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help	3ERW2 Part 2 Q02 2. On the Spring Cleaning Day, students must wear O A. D B.	A B C
	of cues	Question Intent: Understanding the connection between ideas by identifying a small range of cohesive devices	D Correct Answer
	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning	3ERW2 Part 2 Q03 3. John wants to join the Photo-taking Day. He brings his A. sports shoes	В
	of short and simple texts with the help of cues	Jenerice	C D Correct Answer

Module/Unit	ВС	Item No.	Option / Answer
Places and Activities • School days	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW2 Part 2 Q04 4. How many prizes are there in the Drawing Competition? A. +	B C Correct Answer D
	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW2 Part 2 Q05 5. The Drawing Competition is on A. 1 February C. 3 February Question Intent: Recognizing key words in a sentence	B C Correct Answer D
	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW2 Part 2 Q06 6. Students can join the Lion Dance in the • A. playground	A Correct Answer B C

Module/Unit	ВС	Item No.	Option / Answer
Places and Activities School days	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW2 Part 2 Q07 7. There are Chinese New Year activities in the school. O A two O B. three O D. five Question Intent: Understanding the connection between ideas by identifying a small range of cohesive devices	B C Correct Answer D
Caring and Sharing Good days and bad days	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW2 Part 3 Q01 1. How do Bob and his mum go to the market? A. B. Question Intent: Recognizing key words in a sentence	B Correct Answer C
	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW2 Part 3 Q02 2. Read line 5. The word 'they' refers to A. the people in the market B. Bob and his mum C. the oranges D. the fish Question Intent: Understanding the connection between ideas by identifying a small range of cohesive devices	B C Correct Answer D

Module/Unit	ВС	Item No.	Option / Answer
Caring and Sharing • Good days and bad days	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW2 Part 3 Q03 3. Where is the big fish? A. in a tank C. in a bag Cuestion Intent: Recognizing key words in a sentence	A Correct Answer B C
	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW2 Part 3 Q04 4. Bob's face is wet and dirty. How does he feel? A. O B. Question Intent: Recognizing key words in a sentence	A Correct Answer B C
	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW2 Part 3 Q05 5. What does Bob take from his trousers? O A. O B. Question Intent: Predicting the meaning of unfamiliar words by using picture cues and contextual clues	B C D Correct Answer

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Caring and Sharing Good days and bad days	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW2 Part 3 Q06 6. Read line 11. Bob hears his mum calling him. What does he do? O A. He goes home. O C. He drops the fish. D. He stops crying. Question Intent: Understanding the connection between ideas by identifying a small range of cohesive devices	A B C D Correct Answer
	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW2 Part 3 Q07 7. Bob cannot eat his ice cream because O A. his face is wer O B. his minim does not buy it C. he is careless O D. he cries Question Intent: Understanding the connection between ideas by identifying a small range of cohesive devices	A B C Correct Answer D
	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW2 Part 3 Q08 8. Read line 12. What does 'it' refer to? O A. the water O C. the bug O D. the tank Question Intent: Understanding the connection between ideas by identifying a small range of cohesive devices	B Correct Answer C D

Reading and Writing Assessment Sub-paper 3 (3ERW3)

Module/Unit	BC*	Item No.	Option / Answer
Places and Activities Let's go shopping	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW3 Part 1 Q01 1. John wants to buy three T-shirts. He pays A. \$100 C. \$45 Question Intent: Recognizing key words in a sentence	A Correct Answer B C
	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW3 Part 1 Q02 2. John can buy toys on the	B C Correct Answer D

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Module/Unit	ВС	Item No.	Option / Answer
Places and Activities Let's go shopping	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW3 Part 1 Q03 3. John can go to the sale on O A. 6 June O B. 15 June O C. 5 July O D. 28 July Question Intent: Understanding the connection between ideas by identifying a small range of cohesive devices	A B C Correct Answer D
	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW3 Part 1 Q04 4. John pays \$45 to buy	B Correct Answer C
	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW3 Part 1 Q05 5. The store closes at	A B C D Correct Answer

Module/Unit	ВС	Item No.	Option / Answer
Places and Activities School days	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW3 Part 2 Q01 1. When does the Spring Cleaning Day start? O A. at 9 a.m. O C. at 2 p.m. O D. at 3 p.m. Question Intent: Recognizing key words in a sentence	A B Correct Answer C
	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help	3ERW3 Part 2 Q02 2. On the Spring Cleaning Day, students must wear O A. D B.	A B C
	of cues	Question Intent: Understanding the connection between ideas by identifying a small range of cohesive devices	D Correct Answer
	Using a small range of reading strategies to	3ERW3 Part 2 Q03 3. John wants to join the Photo-taking Day. He brings his A. sports shoes C. towel D. camera Question Intent:	В
	understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	Recognizing key words in a sentence	C D Correct Answer
	or cues		D Correct Answer

Module/Unit	ВС	Item No.	Option / Answer
Places and Activities • School days	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW3 Part 2 Q04 4. How many prizes are there in the Drawing Competition? O A. 4 O B. 5 O D. 7 Question Intent: Recognizing key words in a sentence	B C Correct Answer D
	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW3 Part 2 Q05 5. The Drawing Competition is on O A. I February C. 3 February Question Intent: Recognizing key words in a sentence	B C Correct Answer D
	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW3 Part 2 Q06 6. Students can join the Lion Dance in the • A. playground	A Correct Answer B C

Module/Unit	ВС	Item No.	Option / Answer
Places and Activities • School days	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW3 Part 2 Q07 7. There are Chinese New Year activities in the school. O A. two O B. three O D. five Question Intent: Understanding the connection between ideas by identifying a small range of cohesive devices	B C Correct Answer D
Caring and Sharing • We can	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW3 Part 3 Q01 1. When did Daisy want to be a dancer? A. 7 years old C. 9 years old Cuestion Intent: Recognizing key words in a sentence	A Correct Answer B C
	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW3 Part 3 Q02 2. When Daisy was a child, she 1) went for dance lessons 2) watched dance shows 3) read books about dancers 4) wanted to catch some butterflies O A. 1 and 3 O B. 1 and 4 C. 2 and 3 O D. 2 and 4 Question Intent: Understanding the connection between ideas by identifying a small range of cohesive devices	B C Correct Answer D

Module/Unit	ВС	Item No.	Option / Answer
Caring and Sharing • We can	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW3 Part 3 Q03 3. Why was Daisy sad? A. She was young. B. She wanted to be a dancer. C. Her family did not want her to be a dancer. D. Her family did not have money for her dance classes. Question Intent: Understanding the connection between ideas by identifying a small range of cohesive devices	B C D Correct Answer
	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW3 Part 3 Q04 4. Read line 7. The word 'them' refers to A the dance shows	A B C Correct Answer D
	Using a small range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of short and simple texts with the help of cues	3ERW3 Part 3 Q05 5. Read line 9. Where did the woman see Daisy? A. at Daisy's home C. on TV D. in the dance hall Question Intent: Recognizing key words in a sentence	A B Correct Answer C

Module/Unit	ВС	Item No.	Option / Answer
Caring and	Using a small	3ERW3 Part 3 Q06	Α
Sharing • We can	range of reading strategies to	6. Read lines 10 − 11: I want someone to join my show. Who does 'I' refer to? ○ A. Daisy ○ B. Daisy's mum ○ C. a dancer on TV ● D. the dance teacher	В
	understand	Question Intent:	
	the meaning	Understanding the connection	
	of short and	between ideas by identifying a	С
	simple texts	small range of cohesive devices	
	with the help		
	of cues		D Correct Answer
	Using a small	3ERW3 Part 3 Q07	A
	range of	7. Read line 11. How did Daisy dance?	
	reading		
	strategies to		B Correct Answer
	understand	2	50.1.5507.11.511.51
	the meaning	○ A. • B.	
	of short and		С
	simple texts	••••	
	with the help	O C. O D.	
	of cues	Question Intent:	D
		Predicting the meaning of	
		unfamiliar words by using picture	
		cues and contextual clues	
	Using a small	3ERW3 Part 3 Q08	A Correct Answer
	range of	8. The dance teacher wanted Daisy to	
	reading	A. join 'The Butterfly Dance'	
	strategies to	O B. dance in the garden O C. go for dance lessons	В
	understand	O D. look at the butterflies every day	
	the meaning	Question Intent:	
	of short and	Understanding the connection	С
	simple texts	between ideas by identifying a	
	with the help	small range of cohesive devices	
	of cues		D