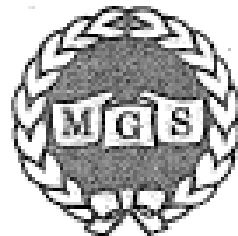


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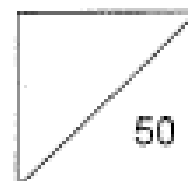
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Answer all questions.

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Section A: Vocabulary (6 marks)

For each question from 1 to 6, 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 Our Physical Education teacher instructed us to complete the last _____ of the run within two minutes.
- (1) lap
 - (2) loop
 - (3) spin
 - (4) cycle
- 2 "This toy is broken! I demand a _____!" shouted the angry customer.
- (1) report
 - (2) return
 - (3) refund
 - (4) renewal
- 3 After the ceremony, our teachers congratulated us on our graduation from college and wished us all the best in our future _____.
- (1) problems
 - (2) struggles
 - (3) adventures
 - (4) endeavours

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4 Three shops in the mall were _____ by a gang of burglars last night.

- (1) broken up
- (2) broken off
- (3) broken into
- (4) broken down

5 Bryan is very _____ as he refused to listen to his friends' advice.

- (1) restless
- (2) reserved
- (3) obstinate
- (4) obstructive

6 Jack _____ back to class after he had twisted his ankle during tennis practice.

- (1) hurried
- (2) strutted
- (3) hobbled
- (4) swaggered

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Section B: Grammar (8 marks)

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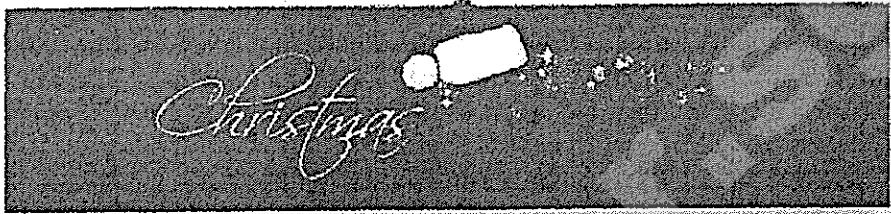
- 7 Do you want to go to _____ shop across the street to buy your book?
- (1) this
 - (2) that
 - (3) these
 - (4) those
- 8 Mrs Tan is very glad that _____ pupil in her class is studying hard for the coming examination.
- (1) all
 - (2) both
 - (3) many
 - (4) every
- 9 "The Earth _____ around the sun," my mother explained to my younger brother patiently.
- (1) revolve
 - (2) revolves
 - (3) revolved
 - (4) are revolving
- 10 The guests _____ ten minutes ago. Please serve them drinks.
- (1) arrive
 - (2) arrived
 - (3) are arriving
 - (4) were arriving

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- 11 At Tom's birthday party, his mother divided the sweets _____ the ten children.
- (1) for
 - (2) into
 - (3) among
 - (4) between
- 12 The boys _____ football in the field when it started to rain.
- (1) played
 - (2) had played
 - (3) are playing
 - (4) were playing
- 13 It is known that the staff in this department store _____ good service as they are very patient with their customers.
- (1) provide
 - (2) provides
 - (3) provided
 - (4) is providing
- 14 There are only a few eggs left at home. Could you please buy _____ on your way home?
- (1) some
 - (2) much
 - (3) many
 - (4) a little

Section C: Visual Text (5 marks)

Read the advertisement carefully and answer the questions that follow.



It's that time of the year again!
Singapore's Largest Shopping Mall
VIVOSKY Shopping Mall
invites you to our
CHRISTMAS SALE 2013!

You will find The best discounts! Games & Lucky Draws LIVE Music Concert featuring your favourite local artists Bring your kids too! Bingo's Mini Circus will be right here in our mall! <i>We are expecting a huge crowd! Please refrain from driving so as to avoid the traffic jams.</i>	Grand Lucky Draw One lucky winner will walk away with \$1,000,000 All you have to do is spend \$100 in a single receipt to qualify for the draw. What are you waiting for? <i>The draw will be held on the last day of the sale on 30 December 2013. Winners will be notified by post.</i> See you soon!	Where and When? Vivosky Shopping Mall 99 Orchard Road Call us at 6777 6777 or email us at sale@vivosky.sg for more information! 
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For each question from 15 to 19, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

15. The sale was held _____.
- (1) in the basement
 - (2) at 99 Orchard Road
 - (3) at Bingo's Mini Circus
 - (4) at the car park of the mall
16. Vivosky Shopping Mall claims to _____.
- (1) be Singapore's largest shopping mall
 - (2) have all the local artists at the concert
 - (3) have the cheapest products in Singapore
 - (4) have a grand lucky draw during every sale
17. Customers going to the sale can _____.
- (A) watch a live concert.
 - (B) bring their children along
 - (C) participate in games and lucky draws
 - (D) meet their favourite band from Malaysia
- (1) A and B only
 - (2) B and C only
 - (3) A, B and C only
 - (4) A, B, C and D
18. A person who wants to enter the lucky draw must _____.
- (1) go to the sale and buy something
 - (2) spend at least \$100 over a few days
 - (3) spend at least \$100 in a single receipt
 - (4) take part in all the games being played
19. Customers are encouraged not to drive to the sale because _____.
- (1) there is no parking space provided
 - (2) there will be traffic jams leading to the mall
 - (3) the sale organiser is expecting a lot of people to turn up
 - (4) there will be many people watching the LIVE Music Concert

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Section D: Comprehension (5 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Andrew Holgate and his family bought a house at number 59 Lyndhurst Grove in London. On their first morning in their new house, they were bewildered. They peered out of the window and to their horror, they saw some people taking photographs of their front door. Every week, more people came and took photographs. Andrew and his family were anxious and perplexed. 5 Then they found out the reason.

The British pop group, Pulp, have a song on their album *Pulp Intro* called *59 Lyndhurst Grove*. The song was written by the singer, Jarvis Cocker. The people who came to see their house were Pulp fans. Why did Pulp sing about 59 Lyndhurst Grove? This is the story. One night, Jarvis Cocker came to a 10 party at the house. He argued with the owner and was subsequently thrown out of the house. Jarvis went home and wrote an angry song about the house, the party and the owner.

There are other pop songs about streets. For example, the Beatles wrote a song about Penny Lane in Liverpool. What is unusual is that Jarvis 15 Cocker's song gives the number of the house. Fortunately, Andrew and his family are quite happy that their house is famous.

Adapted from *Our Little Piece of Pop History*, Oxford University Press

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- 20 Which word tells us Andrew and his family were confused? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

Andrew and his family were anxious and perplexed.
(A) (B)

For Q21 to 23, read each statement and tick (✓) either "True" or "False".

Refer to lines 1 to 13 to help you. The first example has been done for you. [3m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	Andrew expected the photographers at the front door.		✓
Q21	Andrew Holgate and his family rented a new house in London.		
Q22	Jarvis Cocker was once thrown out of a party that was held at 59 Lyndhurst Grove.		
Q23	Fans of the group, Pulp, came to Andrew's house to take photographs of themselves.		

- 24 Tick your chosen answer.

Jarvis Cocker's song is unusual because _____. [1m]

☐
☐
☐

it mentions the number of the street

it was sung by the British pop group, Pulp

it mentions the number of the house

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Section E: Grammar Cloze (4 marks)

Read the 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 ONCE ONLY.**

(A) our	(B) them	(C) their
(D) it	(E) we	(F) her

Devi overslept and woke up late. She could not find her science textbook and English worksheets. She searched anxiously and eventually found _____ under her bed. Stuffing the items into her bag, she dashed out (25) of the house and saw Kathy who was waiting for her.

"_____ have to run!" Devi cried, almost breathless. They ran (26) with all _____ might and finally reached the classroom. Heaving a (27) sigh of relief, Devi tripped over _____ untied shoelaces and was sent (28) sprawling on the ground. She resolved in her heart not to stay up late at night again.

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Section F: Grammar Cloze (4 marks)

Read the passage carefully. UNDERLINE the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

According to the MasterCard survey, the top three leisure activities among Singaporeans are eating, shopping and surfing the web.

More than two-thirds of the Singaporeans surveyed cited food or dining as the top leisure activity. Shopping [is / are] next while surfing the web is third.
(29)

Interest in languages and literature [is / are] at the bottom of the list of activities.
(30)

In terms of preferred dining outlets, the food courts and hawker centres [top / tops] the list. The survey found out that Singaporeans [visit / visits] hawker centres and food courts an average of 16 times a month. This is followed by fast food restaurants.
(31) (32)

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Section G: Vocabulary Cloze (6 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

The Singapore Flyer was officially opened on Valentine's Day in 2008. It is 165 metres _____ and you can see the whole Marina Bay from the top. _____ a clear day, you can see the Indonesian islands of Batam and Bintan, which are about 45 kilometres away. The Flyer has 28 capsules and each can _____ 28 people. A ride round the Flyer lasts 32 minutes. It moves quite slowly, at a _____ of about 14.4 metres a minute but it never stops. Passengers have to get on while it is _____. The Singapore Flyer is open daily from 8.30 a.m. to 10.30 p.m. _____ can be bought in advance online or by phone. A limited number of tickets are also available from the ticket counter but go early to avoid the queue.

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Section H: Synthesis (2 marks)

For each of the questions 39 and 40, rewrite the given sentences using the word provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentences.

- 39 There was a fly in the soup. Mother complained to the waiter.

_____ because

- 40 Sally changed into her swimming costume. Sally dived into the pool.

Before _____

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Section I: Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 41 to 47.

Tess heard her parents talking about her little brother, Andrew. He was very sick and Daddy did not have enough money to pay for the medical bills. She heard Mummy say, "Only a miracle can save him now."

Tess went to her bedroom and took her savings. Then she walked to the pharmacy. 5

"What do you want?" the pharmacist asked impatiently.

"My brother is really sick and I want to buy a miracle," Tess answered, "he has something bad growing inside his head and Mummy says only a miracle can save him. So, how much does a miracle cost?"

"We don't sell miracles here, little girl. I'm sorry," the pharmacist 10 smiled sadly.

A well-dressed man, who had overheard the conversation, asked Tess, "What kind of a miracle does your brother need?"

"I don't know," Tess whispered, "I just know he's really sick and he needs an operation but Daddy can't afford it. I am here to buy a miracle with 15 my one dollar and eleven cents."

"Well, what a coincidence," the man answered, "that is the exact price of a miracle for little brothers. Take me to see your family. I might have the kind of miracle you need."

That well-dressed man was Dr. Armstrong, a brain surgeon. He 20 operated on Tess' brother without charge and soon, Andrew was well.

One night, Daddy and Mummy were talking about the chain of events

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that had led them to **this**.

"That surgery," Mummy said, "was a real miracle. I wonder how much it would have cost."

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Tess smiled. She knew exactly how much a miracle cost...one dollar and eleven cents.

Adapted from *The Price of a Miracle* by an anonymous writer

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

41 Why did Tess' brother need an operation?

[1m]

42 State whether each sentence below is **True** or **False**. Give a reason for your answer.

[3m]

Sentence	True / False	Reason
i) Tess' father could not afford the operation for Tess' brother.		
ii) Tess went to the pharmacy to buy medicine for her brother.		
iii) Tess approached the well-dressed man at the pharmacy for help.		

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- 43 Who was the well-dressed man at the pharmacy? [1m]

- 44 Write 1, 2 and 3 on the lines. Put the sentences in the right sequence, according to the flow in the story. [1m]

_____ Dr. Armstrong operated on Tess' brother.

_____ Tess went to the pharmacy to buy a miracle.

_____ Tess took her money from her bedroom.

- 45 Fill in the box with a word.

Which word from **lines 14 to 25** has the same meaning as "two events happening at the same time without planning"? [1m]

- 46 What does 'this' in line 23 refer to? [1m]

- 47 Explain clearly why the surgery was a miracle. [2m]

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Q1	1	Q2	3	Q3	4	Q4	3	Q5	3
Q6	3	Q7	2	Q8	4	Q9	2	Q10	2
Q11	3	Q12	4	Q13	1	Q14	1	Q15	2
Q16	1	Q17	3	Q18	3	Q19	2		

Q20 perplexed

	True	False
Q21		✓
Q22	✓	
Q23		✓

Q24 it mentions the number of the house

Q25	B	Q26	E	Q27	C	Q28	F
Q29	is	Q30	is	Q31	top	Q32	visit
Q33	tall	Q34	On	Q35	carry	Q36	speed
Q37	moving	Q38	Tickets				

Q39 Mother complained to the writer because there was a fly in the soap.

Q40 Before Sally dived into the pool, she changed into her swimming costume.

Q41 He had brain disease.

Q42		Reason
(i)	True	Tess' father could not afford an operation for Tess' brother.
(ii)	False	Tess' went to the pharmacy to a miracle.
(iii)	False	The well-dressed man had overheard the conversation between Tess and the pharmacist and he approached Tess.

Q43 The well-dressed man at the pharmacy was Dr Armstrong.

Q44 3,2,1

Q45 coincidence

Q46 The word 'this' refers to Andrew's recovery.

Q47 The surgery saved Tess' brother and it was without charge.

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Name: _____

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	Maximum	Marks Obtained
Reading Comprehension (Individual work)	10	
Listening task (Individual work)	10	
Writing Task (Individual work)	15	
Total	35	

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First Alternative Assessment 2014

English Language

Name: _____ () Date: _____

Class: P4- _____ Mark: _____ /10

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

The Bugis were among the first groups of people to settle in Singapore after the British arrived in 1819. Many of the early Bugis settlers came as traders and contributed greatly to the development of Singapore.

The Bugis came from Sulawesi, an Indonesian island located between Borneo Island and the Moluccas Island. The Bugis were at first farmers and started trading activities only in the eighteenth century. They built trading ships, known as Phinisi and typically sailed for Singapore in October each year to benefit from the strong east winds. The Phinisi would carry items such as cotton fabrics, gold and nutmegs. The Bugis traders would sail back to Sulawesi from Singapore in January when the west winds had picked up. They would return to Sulawesi with goods such as Indian cotton, iron and tobacco.

Before 1823, the Bugis lived in an area known as Kampong Glam. The area had beautiful homes and buildings that were owned by well-known Bugis businessmen. Then in 1823, the Bugis were asked to move to make way for an Arab *kampong* ("village" in Malay). The original Bugis settlement is no longer around. Landmarks such as the Bugis Junction shopping mall, Bugis Street and Bugis MRT station reminds us of the Bugis settlers contributions to Singapore.

1. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

The early Bugis settlers came to Singapore as _____. [1m]

☐	traders
☐	farmers
☐	ship builders

2. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

The Bugis traders came from _____. [1m]

☐	Borneo Island
☐	Sulawesi Island
☐	Moluccas Island

For Q3 and Q4, read each statement and tick (✓) "True" or "False". Refer to paragraph 1 and 2 to help you. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	The British arrived in Singapore in 1819.	✓	
3.	After 1819, the Bugis were among the first few people to come to Singapore.		
4.	The Bugis people sailed back to their island in October.		

5. Who does 'they' refer to in line 6?

_____ [1m]

6. List three trading items that the Bugis people *would bring* in their vessels to **Singapore**.

i. _____ [1m]

ii. _____ [1m]

iii. _____ [1m]

7. Which word has the same meaning as 'famous'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

The area had beautiful homes and buildings that were owned by

(A)

well-known Bugis businessmen.

(B)

8. From the last paragraph, name one landmark that reminds us that the area was once a Bugis village.

_____ [1m]

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Q1) Traders

Q2) Sulawesi Island

Q3-4)

	Statement	True	False
Example	The British arrived in Singapore in 1819	✓	
3.	After 1819, the Bugis were among the first few people to come to Singapore	✓	
4.	The Bugis people sailed back to their island in October		✓

Q5) The Bugis

Q6) i. Gold

ii. Nutmeg

iii. Cotton Fabric

Q7) B

Q8) Bugis Street

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Continual Assessment 2
English Language
Primary 4

Name: _____ () Marks: _____ /40

Class: Primary 4 _____

Duration: 1hr 15 minutes

SECTION A: GRAMMAR - MCQ (8 × 1) marks

Choose the correct answer and write its number in the bracket provided.

- (1) The furniture in the classroom _____ vandalised by a group of boys yesterday.
(1) is (2) was ()
(3) are (4) were ()
- (2) Greg admitted that he _____ his classmate's money when no one was around in the classroom.
(1) steal (2) has stolen ()
(3) steals (4) had stolen ()
- (3) "Mother, _____ I go to the cinema with my friends tomorrow?" Rachel asked.
(1) will (2) may ()
(3) would (4) might ()
- (4) Sam _____ fencing next month.
(1) learn (2) will learn ()
(3) learnt (4) was learning ()
- (5) "You must take good care of _____ when we are not around," Mr and Mrs Tan told their children.
(1) yourself (2) ourselves ()
(3) themselves (4) yourselves ()
- (6) Valerie has a passion _____ music. She likes to sing and play guitar.
(1) with (2) for ()
(3) about (4) through ()

(7) The police officer _____ I spoke to was a very kind and helpful man.

(1) who

(2) which

(3) whose

(4) whom

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(8) Only one of _____ buses here goes to Orchard Road. Make sure you get on _____ right bus.

(1) the...a

(2) a...the

(3) the...the

(4) the...an

()

SECTION B: VOCABULARY - MCQ (8 × 1) marks

Choose the correct answer and write its number in the bracket provided.

(9) We took a _____ from the department store so that we could know what products in the store were on sale.

(1) menu

(2) brochure

(3) poster

(4) directory

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(10) Jalan Tambah Road was renamed Veerasamy Road in _____ of Dr Veerasamy Naidoo.

(1) name

(2) respect

(3) behalf

(4) honour

()

(11) After we had made a police report, the police began to _____ the case of animal abuse in our neighbourhood.

(1) look on

(2) look in

(3) look into

(4) look up

()

(12) According to the rule of the game, you can _____ communicate with your team members by using your hand gestures. No other form of communication is allowed.

(1) only

(2) then

(3) really

(4) never

()

(13) If you are _____ on your task, you will be able to complete it quickly.

(1) concerned

(2) focused

(3) concentrated

(4) determined

()

(14) A large number of people have _____ to the advertisement for volunteers to help out at the animal shelter.

(1) acted

(2) agreed

(3) reacted

(4) responded

()

(15) The foreman _____ the construction site at the end of each day to ensure that all the structures are built according to his plan.

(1) inspects

(2) studies

(3) observes

(4) analyses

()

(16) We had to walk up a _____ of steps to get to Hashim's apartment.

(1) set

(2) fleet

(3) group

(4) flight

()

Section C: GRAMMAR CLOZE (Subject-Verb Agreement) (5 × 1) marks

Read the following passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

Kampong Glam is a gem of Singapore's history and culture. This Malay Historic District used to be and still (17) [is / was] the hub of the Muslim Community today. It (18) [is / was] gazetted as a Conservation Area in 1989. Till today, most of the buildings there (19) [are / were] shophouses. They are a distinct part of Kampong Glam's identity and (20) [is / are] an important building type in Singapore's architectural heritage. Most of the shophouses (21) [has / have] remained intact over the years, preserving the rich culture and history of yesteryears. The shophouse is one of the most significant building types in Singapore's architectural heritage.

Adapted from www.yoursingapore.com

SECTION D: SYNTHESIS - (2 X 2) marks

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

- (22) The waiter was walking to the kitchen. He dropped the dirty dishes.

_____ as

- (23) The woman is the winner of the singing competition. She is wearing a red blouse.

_____ who

SECTION E: EDITING FOR SG (5 x 1) marks

Correct each word which is underlined for spelling or grammar. Write the correct word in each of the relevant box.

Touring a foreign country is becoming a popular pastime among many people

(24)

today. It is easy to get from one place to another. There are flights in almost every part of the world. Even remote towns boast of runways and small airports.

Few islands are considered inaccessible even though they may be remote. A ferry is

(25)

a common mode of transportation to this islands. However, being situated in the middle of the ocean means that tourists might not be able to get to these places in bad weather.

(26)

Other towns that cannot be accessed by air or sea usually have other modes

(27)

of transportation on land. Small buses, vans and even bullock carts make of for the lack of other forms of transportation. For many tourists, these forms of transportation are not

(28)

obstacles. Instead, they contribute to the antire holiday experience. Such forms of transportation are usually unique to the town and are run by the locals who sometimes function as tour guides as well.

SECTION F: COMPREHENSION (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 29 to 34.

Thirteen-year-old Richard Turere lives with his family near the famous Nairobi National Park in Kenya. This protected area in east Africa is home to some of the continent's most exotic wildlife. While the northern end of the park is fenced off, the southern end is left open so that animals can go on their migrations without any obstacles. However, this means that they often stray out of the park to nearby areas where people have built homes. Richard's family and their neighbours have to constantly deal with predators like lions attacking their domestic animals at night. 5

"I grew up hating lions very much," says Richard. He added that livestock like cattle are very precious to his community. They do whatever they can to protect their cows and goats, even if it means killing the lions. As a result, many of these wild cats have been slaughtered and conservationists are worried that the park might lose all its lions soon. 10

Richard was sure there was an easier way to keep the lions away from his home. At first, he tried scaring them away with fire. That did not work. He noted that the brightness of the blaze probably helped the lions see better in the dark.

Next, he tried using a scarecrow to trick the lions into thinking it was a human being. However, the lions were cleverer. The animals soon realised that the scarecrow was just a dummy and they started attacking the cows again. 15

One night, Richard decided to do some patrolling. He walked up and down his compound for a long time, shining a flashlight out into the darkness. Surprisingly, no lions came that evening. It was then that the youngster made a discovery. Excited by this, he decided to design his very own 'lion lights' system. He tied some bulbs onto poles around his family's cattle enclosure and connected them to an old solar-powered car battery. He made the lights flash on and off at regular intervals. In the dark, it looked like someone was walking back and forth with a flashlight. 20

In the two years that Richard has used his 'lion lights', his home has not been bothered by the big cats at all. Seeing this, his neighbours asked Richard to install similar systems in their houses as well. The results were the same. Richard's invention has proven so effective that it is being used in other parts of the country to keep away all kinds of predators. 25

Adapted from May-June '13 What's Up Newspaper

All answers must be based on the given text. Answer in complete sentences.

(29) Why is the southern end of the Nairobi National Park not fenced off? (1m)

(30) Which word from paragraph one has the same meaning as 'well-known'? (1m)

(31) Write 1,2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the sequence of events that occurred in the story. (1m)

- _____ Richard used a scarecrow to trick the lions.
- _____ Richard invented his own 'lion lights' system.
- _____ Richard realised that the lions are not afraid of fire.

(32) Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. (3m)

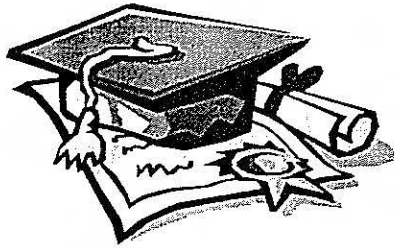
	True/False	Reason
(i) People who stay near the Nairobi National Park kill lions to protect their animals.		

(ii)	Richard discovered that fire is not an effective way to scare the lions away.		
(iii)	The lions were not afraid of Richard's scarecrow as it was too small.		

(33) What did Richard discover when he was patrolling at night with his flashlight? (2m)

(34) What does 'the results were the same' in the last paragraph mean? (2m)

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2014

SCHOOL : NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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TERM : CA2

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16
2	4	2	2	4	2	4	3	2	4	3	1	2	4	1	4

17. is

18. was

19. are

20. are

21. have

22. The waiter dropped the dirty dishes as he was walking to the kitchen.

23. The woman, who is the winner of the singing competition, is wearing a red blouse.

24. to

25. these

26. accessed

27. up

28. entire

29. It is not fenced to allow animals to migrate without any obstacles.

30. famous

31. 2

3

1

32. i) True.

The people who stay near Nairobi National Park will do whatever they can to protect their cows and goats, even if it means killing the lions.

ii) True.

Richard noted that the brightness of the blaze helped the lions see better.

iii) False.

The lions were not afraid of his scarecrow as they soon realised that the scarecrow was just a dummy.

33. He discovered that no lions came and they stayed away from moving lights.

34. It means that there were no more lion attacks.



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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 4**

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BOOKLET A

Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do NOT open this booklet until you are told to do so.
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3. This booklet consists of 19 questions (Questions 1 to 19) and 7 pages (including this page).
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Section A: Grammar (8 marks)

For questions 1 to 8, choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS given. (8 x 1 mark)

- 1) "_____ you lend me your book? It looks interesting," Kumar asked his classmate politely.

(1) Can	(2) May
(3) Must	(4) Should

- 2) I will try but I _____ not attend the meeting if I am not free.

(1) may	(2) must
(3) could	(4) should

- 3) The performance _____ on smoothly. Now, the performers are going backstage to celebrate their success.

(1) go	(2) went
(3) goes	(4) is going

- 4) The pickpocket _____ away by the policemen as soon as he was handcuffed.

(1) is taken	(2) was taken
(3) is being taken	(4) was being taken

- 5) "Take good care of _____ when you are overseas," Mdm Sharina told her sons.

(1) yourself	(2) ourselves
(3) yourselves	(4) themselves

6) Bali, _____ is an island, attracts many tourists every year.

- (1) who
- (3) which

- (2) that
- (4) where

7) My father drove me to school every day in his car _____ he sold it.

- (1) if
- (3) after

- (2) when
- (4) before

8) You may go for your break _____ you have completed your work.

- (1) since
- (3) however

- (2) unless
- (4) although

Section B: Vocabulary (6 marks)

For questions 9 to 14, choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS given. (6 x 1 mark)

- 9) The guide was panic-stricken when he saw the mass of snow falling down the side of the mountain during the _____.
- | | |
|----------------|---------------|
| (1) landslide | (2) typhoon |
| (3) earthquake | (4) avalanche |
- 10) Recently, there have been many cases of robbery in lifts. Most of the _____ are the elderly as they are easy prey.
- | | |
|---------------|----------------|
| (1) victims | (2) patients |
| (3) survivors | (4) casualties |
- 11) Flames _____ from the car's engine after it crashed into a tree.
- | | |
|-------------|---------------|
| (1) emitted | (2) flowed |
| (3) spewed | (4) scattered |
- 12) We will be able to test the effectiveness of this new drug with one last _____.
- | | |
|---------------|----------------|
| (1) retreat | (2) campaign |
| (3) programme | (4) experiment |
- 13) Pollution and overfishing _____ marine life. As a result, the number of marine species listed as endangered is on the rise.
- | | |
|--------------|--------------|
| (1) rescue | (2) prevent |
| (3) threaten | (4) conserve |

14) He _____ up the letter in his hand and threw it into the bin angrily.

(1) broke

(2) scooped

(3) wrapped

(4) scrunched

Section C: Visual Text Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the following poster carefully. Then answer questions 15 to 19. Choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS given. (5 x 2 marks)



Don't need it anymore?
~~Don't throw it away!~~
DONATE IT AND SUPPORT OUR
DONATION DRIVE
For the victims in the typhoon-struck Philippines

In Singapore, the Young at Heart Movement is a charity formed by youths. We have a membership of 3064 youths in 48 secondary schools as of 31 December 2013.

The Young at Heart Movement seeks to promote and encourage the participation of children and young persons in charitable work. We also organise donation drives to arouse and maintain public interest in charitable work and to appeal for funds and donations. We have raised funds and donated to the victims in Indonesia and Japan after the tsunami and earthquake disasters.

Join us at our donation drive!

Saturday, 12 July 2014, 9 am to 5 pm,
at The Youth Park, 2 Orchard Link.

Bring your donations and have a day of family fun!

- Free refreshments
- Magic show
- Face painting

We are collecting:

- ✓ Clothing and shoes
- ✓ Household items (blankets, bedsheets, towels)
- ✓ Accessories (bags, socks, scarves)

X NO books, toys, kitchen appliances or furniture, please.

You can also drop off your items at our thrift shops located in Ang Mo Kio, Jurong East and Tampines from 14 to 17 July 2014 during office hours.
Alternatively, you can call us at 6242 7489 to make arrangements for your items to be picked up.
Visit our website at www.youngatheartmovement.org.sg for more information.

- 15) The main purpose of the poster is to _____.
- (1) appeal for donations
 - (2) promote the magic show
 - (3) introduce the Young at Heart Movement
 - (4) inform the public of the typhoon in the Philippines
- 16) This event is an effort to help the victims in _____.
- (1) Japan
 - (2) Indonesia
 - (3) Singapore
 - (4) the Philippines
- 17) The Young at Heart Movement _____.
- (1) runs face-painting classes
 - (2) organised this donation drive
 - (3) has members from both primary and secondary schools
 - (4) sent volunteers to disaster sites like Japan and Indonesia
- 18) One way to donate your items to the Young at Heart Movement is to _____.
- (1) visit their website
 - (2) call 6242 7489 to make arrangements
 - (3) drop them off at their thrift shop at Orchard Link
 - (4) bring them to their donation drive on 17 July 2014
- 19) Which of the following is an item that the Young at Heart Movement wants to collect?
It is the _____.
- (1) handbag
 - (2) storybook
 - (3) rice cooker
 - (4) foldable chair

*****End of Booklet A*****

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Booklet A:

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
1	1	2	2	3	3	4	1	4	1
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	
3	4	3	4	1	4	2	2	1	

Booklet B:

Section A

Q20) he

Q21) his

Q22) they

Q23) their

Q24) on

Q25) was

Q26) found

Q27) is

Section B

Q28) John kept playing at the beach although his father shouted for him to run away from the tsunami.

Q29) Maria was badly injured during the typhoon yet she managed to reach the relief centre.

Q30) Neither a typhoon nor a volcanic eruption is expected in the coming months.

Q31) after

Q32) destroyed

Q33) many

Q34) struck

Q35) difficult

Q36)

	Statement	True	False
Example	The lightning flashed continuously that evening	✓	
Q1	The farmhouse was dark because the lights went out	✓	
Q2	The author and his family were on the second floor when the tornado struck		✓
Q3	The sound from the tornado was like a speeding train	✓	

Q37) The author took cover under an old wooden farm table to avoid being crushed by he collapsing walls.

Q38) i. Strange

ii. Unrecognisable

Q39) A

Q40) i. The writer read more about tornados.

ii. The writer volunteered himself as a firefighter.



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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)
PART ONE

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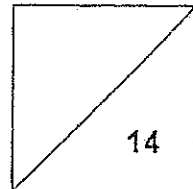
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Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3	Paper 4	Total Marks
20	50	14	16	100

For each question from 1 to 8, 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.

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5. My mother told me to complete my homework before I could _____ out to play.

(1) go

(2) am going

(3) have gone

(4) was going

6. "There is too _____ food for us to finish!" exclaimed Moses.

(1) few

(2) many

(3) much

(4) some

7. You have to listen carefully to the instructions that the teachers _____ to us right now.

(1) gave

(2) gives

(3) are giving

(4) have given

8. Last month, we _____ my brother's birthday at East Coast Park.

(1) celebrate

(2) celebrated

(3) have celebrated

(4) was celebrating

Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (6 x 1 mark)

For each question from 9 to 14, 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.

9. My brother is going on a holiday to Greece. His flight _____ from Changi Airport at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

(1) arrives	(2) moves
(3) departs	(4) operates

10. Beth followed her mother's _____ to bake a delicious chocolate cake for her brother's birthday.

(1) list	(2) recipe
(3) brochure	(4) directory

11. My strict teacher expects us to walk in a/an _____ manner when we go to the canteen.

(1) even	(2) orderly
(3) chaotic	(4) cluttered

12. The children witnessed a road _____ outside the school where a van had collided with a car.

(1) disaster	(2) problem
(3) accident	(4) congestion

13. During our group project discussion, Albert _____ an idea when it was his turn. We decided to use it because it was creative.

(1) filed

(3) submitted

14. The children were told to _____ the grass as it was muddy from yesterday's rain.

(1) keep to

(2) keep on

(3) keep up

(4) keep off



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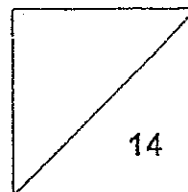
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English Language Paper 2
Part 2

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Date : _____

Class : Pri. 4

Marks : _____ /36

Section C: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank.

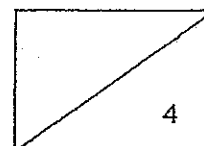
USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

Passage 1

(A) across	(B) below	(C) into
(D) over	(E) to	(F) up

The girl unlocked the door silently. She entered the room and walked (15)_____ it. Without any noise, she went straight (16)_____ her bed and changed into her nightgown. She drew the curtains and got (17)_____ bed, pulling the blanket up to her chin. Next, she pulled the nightcap (18)_____ her eyes to block out the lights. After a few minutes, she finally fell asleep.

Adapted from a story from www.eastoftheweb.com

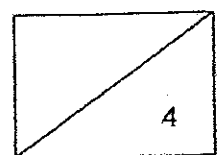


Passage 2

Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

Maria is my best friend. We grew up together and (19) (go / went) to the same secondary school. Now, I am studying in Australia and she (20) (has / have) moved to London. Even though we live far apart, we are still very good friends. We (21) (write / writes) to each other often. Maria (22) (love / Loves) telling me about her life in London. We never forget each other's birthdays too. Last year, I sent her a photo of the two of us in our secondary school uniform. I am visiting Maria in London at the end of the year.

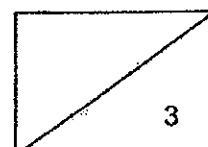
Adapted from a short story from www.magickeys.com



Section D: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (3 x 1 mark)

Circle the mistakes in the passage. The mistake could either be a spelling or grammar error. Write the correct answer in the column on the right.

The giant panda could go extinct within 20 years as its population continues to drop, scientists said. The giant panda - the world's largest - can grow to six feet long and weigh as much as 100 kg. Experts say its continued existence is endangered by threats like climate change, pollution,	23.
predation and human hunting. The panda's diet includes grass, some rodents and mainly bamboo. The giant pandas are able to start reproducing between four to eight years of age. The cubs of the panda does not open their eyes until they are six to eight weeks of age and are not able to move	24.
until three months. The researchers also said that there is of restoring the population of the endangered animals if we play our part to keep the earth's temperature under control. <i>Adapted from a short story from www.nationalzoo.si.edu</i>	25.



Section E: Comprehension Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

It was a chilly night. Duncan, Jovi and Ryan had been walking in the forest for three hours. The forest was so dark that it was (26) _____ for them to make their way around, even though they each had a torch and a compass to direct them.

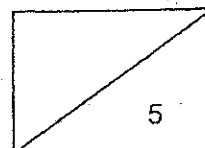
Duncan, who was a plump boy, began to grumble.

"My stomach is growling! It has been two hours since we ate something! My legs are tired and I can hardly (27) _____ another step!"

Jovi and Ryan sighed because they were just as tired and hungry but they did not grumble as much as Duncan. Annoyed by Duncan's complaints, they decided to allow him to take a (28) _____. Duncan sat down and was asleep in less than five minutes, so it was up to Jovi and Ryan to (29) _____ the tents for the night.

The two boys were efficient in their work. In an hour, their tents were ready. The boys were proud of (30) _____. They could not wait to go for their canoeing trip the next morning.

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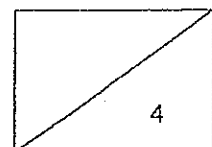


Section F: Synthesis (2 x 2 marks)

Combine each pair of sentences to make one sentence using the word(s) given. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the sentences given.

31. Jessica loves cupcakes. Sally loves cupcakes too.

32. It was getting late. Samantha decided to leave the birthday party.



Section G: Comprehension 1 (8 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Yazmin was watching television one hot afternoon when she heard the excited barking of her dog outside the house. Initially, she thought Brownie was just trying to attract her attention. Yazmin ignored the barking and continued her activity. However, the barkings got louder.

Yazmin knew that Brownie would do this whenever he was punished. He had done 5
so on previous occasions. Yazmin had fallen for his trick and brought him into the house so that he would stop barking. This time, however, she would keep him outside until he realised his mistake of chewing on her shoes.

As time passed, Brownie's barking grew more aggressive. The noise was deafening and Yazmin was getting annoyed. Her brother, who was studying in his room, 10
was shouting for Brownie to be quiet. Curious, Yazmin's mother rushed out of the house to take a look at Brownie. Just then, Yazmin heard a loud shriek. She rushed out of the house and the first thing she saw was her mother standing like a statue on the lawn, looking pale and frightened.

A snake was coiled close to Yazmin's mother's feet, all set to attack her at the 15
slightest movement. Brownie was about a metre away, still barking loudly. Yazmin stood rooted to the ground, feeling helpless. All of a sudden, Brownie pounced on the snake. However, the snake managed to slither away.

Yazmin immediately ran to Brownie and gave him a tight hug. He had risked his life to save her mother. Yazmin realised that dogs were very loyal animals. Feeling proud, 20
Brownie wagged his tail and followed Yazmin into the house.

Adapted from a story by Cheryl Pearson

33. Why was Brownie punished? Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

[1m]

☐	Brownie had played a trick on Yazmin
☐	Brownie had chewed on Yazmin's shoes.

34. Which word in paragraph 3 has the same meaning as 'irritated'?

[1m]

For question 35, write 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the bracket provided.

[1m]

35. Who saw the snake first?

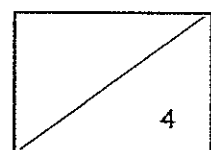
- (1) Yazmin
- (2) Brownie
- (3) Yazmin's brother
- (4) Yazmin's mother

For question 36, put a tick (✓) in the correct box.

36. When Yazmin went to the lawn, the first thing she saw was _____.

[1m]

☐	the snake slithering away
☐	the snake coiled near her mother's feet
☐	her mother standing rooted to the ground



For question 37, write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. [1m]

37.

	Yazmin's brother shouted from his room.
	Yazmin went out when she heard a loud shriek.
	Yazmin's mother went out to see what had happened.

38. Which two four-word phrases from paragraph 3 suggest that Yazmin's mother was terrified at the sight of the snake?

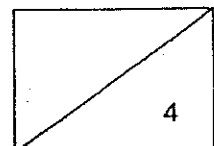
i. _____

ii. _____

39. Who rescued Yazmin's mother?

[1m]

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Section H: Comprehension 2 (8 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Dear Diary,

I am tired but I need to pen my thoughts down. Today, my class went for a learning journey. It was meant to be a fun trip but it did not turn out so for me.

We went on a hike to Bukit Timah Hill. Halfway through the long journey, I stopped. I just could not go on any further. I wanted to stay behind but my classmate, Chloe, kept pulling me along. I looked at her, eyes narrowing. Why must she always be so enthusiastic? 5

Left with no choice, and with heavy footsteps, most of us in the class dragged ourselves up the hill with the teacher. However, Chloe was still as energetic as a puppy. Unlike us, she was not even panting! It must be those long-distance running and swimming sessions she always has after school. She has long slender legs and looks like an athlete. I am envious of her and see her as a role model. 10

After what felt like an eternity, we finally reached the peak. The view from the top of the hill was not as fantastic as I had expected. Anyway, I was in so much agony that I could not enjoy much of it. I dropped onto the ground, moaning.

Chloe was the only one, besides my teacher, taking scenic photographs at the hilltop. The rest of us did not bother as we were thoroughly exhausted. With perspiration trickling down my forehead and into my eyes, my vision blurred and I squinted. Chloe saw me wiping the sweat off my forehead and offered me some water. "Plain water had never tasted so sweet!" I had exclaimed as I took a sip and thanked her. 20

What a day it had been! I am so glad to be home, sitting on my rocking chair and enjoying my hot cup of tea while writing this.

Yours truly,
Sherenne

Written by Sharinee Tevar

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40. Which word ~~phrase~~ in paragraph 3 tells you that Chloe was not tired?

[1m]

For question 41, write the correct word in the box provided.

[1m]

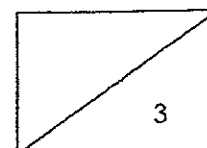
The first letter has been provided.

41. The writer is e_____ of Chloe as she has long slender legs
and looks like an athlete.

For question 42, write your answer in a complete sentence.

42. What does the word "it" in line 14 refer to?

[1m]



43. State whether each sentence below is **True** or **False**. Give a reason for your answer.

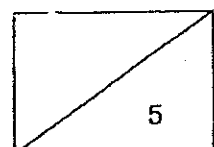
[3m]

Sentence	True / False	Reason
i) The author's classmates struggled to climb the hill.		
ii) Chloe and the writer were taking scenic photographs at the top of the hill.		
iii) The writer felt grateful when Chloe offered her some water.		

44. In paragraph 5, why do you think the writer squinted?

[2m]

END OF PAPER



Section A:

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
4	2	3	4	1	3	3	2	3	2
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14						
2	3	4	4						

Paper 2

Q15. A

Q16. E

Q17. C

Q18. D

Q19. went

Q20. has

Q21. write

Q22. loves

Q23. pollution

Q24. do

Q25. restoring

Q26. difficult

Q27. take

Q28. rest

Q29. pitch

Q30. themselves

Q31. **Both** Jessica and Sally love cupcakes.

Q32. Samantha decided to leave the birthday party **since** it was getting late.

Q33. Brownie had chewed on Yazmin's shoes.

Q34. annoyed

Q35. 2

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Q36. her mother standing rooted to the ground.

Q37.

1	Yazmin's brother shouted from his room
3	Yazmin went out when she hears a loud shriek
2	Yazmin's mother went out to see what had happened

Q38.

- i) Standing like a statue
- ii) looking pale and frightened

Q39. Brownie

Q40. energetic

Q41. envious

Q42. It refers to the view from the top of the hill.

Q43.

Sentence	True/False	Reason
1) The author's classmates struggled to climb the hill.	True	The author's classmates dragged themselves up the hill.
2) Chloe and the writer were taking scenic photographs at the top of the hill.	False	Chloe was the only one, beside the writer's teachers, were taking scenic photographs at the top of the hill.
3) The writer felt grateful when Chloe offered her some water.	True	The writer exclaimed as she took a sip of water and thanked Chloe when she offered her some water.

Q44. There was perspiration trickling down the writer's forehead and into her eyes, her vision blurred and she squinted.

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)
PRIMARY FOUR

Name: _____ () Class: Primary 4 _____

Date: 6 May 2014

Duration of paper: 1h.15 min

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. This question paper consists of 6 printed pages.
2. Do not turn this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.

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For Q1-18, four options are given. Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

Section A: Grammar MCQ (8 x 1 mark)

1. My family and I enjoyed _____ very much in Switzerland.
(1) myself
(2) himself
(3) ourselves
(4) themselves
2. All of us except John _____ attending the graduation party tomorrow.
(1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were
3. We cancelled our lunch appointment as it _____ raining heavily.
(1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were
4. "We _____ to search for the information on the Internet today!" Mrs Tan told her students.
(1) go
(2) goes
(3) are going
(4) have gone
5. Johnny _____ with his grandparents while his parents were working overseas.
(1) lives
(2) lived
(3) will live
(4) is living

6. "No one _____ to enter my bedroom without my knowledge," my sister warned us before walking out of the house.

- (1) allows
- (2) allowed
- (3) is allowed
- (4) was allowed

7. _____ people are made homeless by the fire. Let's go over there and see how we can help them.

- (1) This
- (2) That
- (3) Those
- (4) These

8. I did not have _____ luggage to take with me to the airport.

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

Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (6 x1 mark)

9. The teacher _____ upon us the importance of doing our work neatly.

- (1) implied
- (2) instilled
- (3) instructed
- (4) impressed

10. The suspect was _____ from the jail when he was found to be innocent.

- (1) expelled
- (2) released
- (3) dismissed
- (4) discharged

11. The villagers were happy when the flood started to _____ after two days.
- (1) recline
 - (2) recede
 - (3) deplete
 - (4) decrease
12. I only managed to catch a _____ of his face before he disappeared into the jungle.
- (1) stare
 - (2) glare
 - (3) streak
 - (4) glimpse
13. We must not think that we are _____. We are all capable of making mistakes.
- (1) infallible
 - (2) incompetent
 - (3) inconvincible
 - (4) inappropriate
14. My father was _____ by his boss for the excellent work he had done.
- (1) reproached
 - (2) condemned
 - (3) commended
 - (4) reprimanded

Section C: Visual Text Comprehension (4 x 1 mark)

Study the advertisement carefully and then answer the questions that follow.

CONTRIBUTE to Reader Magazine!

Would you like to see your writing being published in this magazine? Then let us know! We pay you for your stories, anecdotes and jokes, if your contributions are published.



1) Anecdotes and Jokes - \$50 to \$100

- What made you laugh recently? A funny sign? A classmate's behaviour? Send in your real-life story for "Life's like That" or "All in a Day's Work". Do you have a joke to share? Send it in for "Laugh it off!" column.



2) Smart Animals - Up to \$100

- Send us a tale about the antics of unique pets or wildlife in up to 300 words.



3) Touching Hearts - \$150

- Write about acts of generosity that can change lives, touch your heart or make a difference. Share your moments in 100 to 500 words.



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- Do you have an inspiring or life-changing tale to tell? Submissions must be true, unpublished and original and should be between 800 to 1000 words.

Here's how you can reach us!

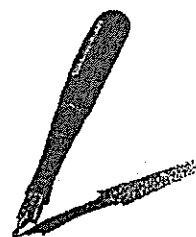
Please visit us online at www.reader.com/contribution to get more information on publishing a story.

To submit and publish your story:

★ Email editor@readgest.com

★ Mail Reader, Editorial Department,
Singapore Post Centre, PO Box 373,
Singapore, 803020

Writers of the selected stories will be notified via post for collection of cash rewards.



Adapted from Readers Digest 2014

For Q15-18, four options are given. Choose the most appropriate option and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

15. In order to receive \$150, writers have to write _____.
- (1) a real-life story of 500 words
 - (2) about something that changed his or her life
 - (3) about a classmate's behaviour in the school
 - (4) a heart-warming story not more than 500 words
16. Those who are interested to find out more about publishing a story can do so by _____.
- (1) checking out the official website
 - (2) emailing the editor of the magazine
 - (3) visiting the publication headquarters
 - (4) writing a letter to the editorial department
17. The purpose of this ~~magazine~~ ^{advertisement} is to get readers to _____.
- (1) publish their stories online
 - (2) subscribe to the magazine
 - (3) share their tales on antics of pets
 - (4) publish their stories in the magazine
18. Which one of the following statements is true?
- (1) Selected stories will be notified via email.
 - (2) Reader Magazine is only suitable for animal lovers.
 - (3) For submission, you may either email or send your story via local postage.
 - (4) Reader Magazine gives away cash rewards for any story that is submitted.

~ End of Paper 2 (Booklet A) ~



Anglo-Chinese School (Primary)

MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2014
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 (BOOKLET B)
PRIMARY FOUR

Name: _____ () Class: Primary 4 _____

Date: 6 May 2014

Duration of paper: 1h 15 min

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INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

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3. Follow all instructions carefully

No.	Contents	Marks	Marks Obtained
1.	Oral	16	
2.	Listening Comprehension	14	
3.	Composition	20	
4.	Language Paper	50	
Total Marks		100	

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PART II
Section D: Grammar Cloze

Cloze 1: Personal Pronouns (4 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

- | | | |
|--------|----------|---------|
| (A) me | (B) they | (C) his |
| (D) we | (E) them | (F) her |

It was Mother's Day morning last year and I was at the supermarket with my five-year-old son, Tenyson. We realised an elderly woman had fallen over at the entrance of the store and had hit (19) _____ head on the concrete.

Walking towards the scene, Tenyson became very upset about what had happened and he commented to (20) _____, "Mum, it's not much fun falling over in front of everyone." I nodded in agreement.

At the front of the supermarket, a charity group had set up a stall selling flowers to raise funds. Tenyson suggested that (21) _____ should buy the lady a flower. "It will make her feel better," he said.

By now, paramedics had arrived and (22) _____ were attending to the injured woman. Tenyson then gave her the flower.

Despite being badly hurt and shaken, the old lady looked up at Tenyson and gave him a little smile.

Adapted from Reader's Digest 'The Power of Good'

Cloze 2: Subject-Verb Agreement (4 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Circle the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

Staying physically active is especially important to the elderly. It (23) [lower / lowers] their risk of chronic conditions such as high blood pressure. Being physically fit also helps decrease the chances of falling as well as (24) [reduce / reduces] anxiety. Medication alone (25) [is/ are] usually not enough to manage their chronic conditions. Having a balanced diet is equally important. A balanced diet is one which is rich in fruits, vegetables and whole grains. Healthy eating and regular exercise (26) [help / helps] make the body stronger. Furthermore, the elderly will feel more energetic.

Adapted from <http://www.hpb.gov.sg>

Section E: Sentence Combining (4 x 1 mark)

Combine each pair of the sentences to make one sentence using the word(s) given. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the sentences given.

Example: May is tall. May's sister is not tall.

May is tall but her sister is not.

27. Mr Tan had left his keys on the table. Mr Tan returned home.

_____ because _____

28. Everyone turns up for the meeting. However, Benny does not.

except _____

29. George likes reading comic books. Sally also likes reading comic books.

_____, as well as _____

30. My brother was not late for the excursion. His classmates were also not late for the excursion.

Neither _____ nor _____

Section F: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Once, there lived Dick Whittington, an orphan. He often had nothing to eat. One day he heard of the great city of London, where, everyone said, even the streets were paved with gold. Dick decided to go to London to seek his fortune. London was a big and busy city, full of people both rich and poor. However, Dick could not find any streets that were paved with gold. Tired, cold and hungry he fell asleep on the steps of a great house. It belonged to Mr. Fitzwarren, a rich merchant, who was also an honourable and generous man. He took Dick into his house, and gave him work as a servant.

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Dick had a little room of his own where he could have been very happy if it had not been for the rats. They would keep him up all night. One day, Dick earned a penny shining shoes for a gentleman, and with it he bought a cat. After that, Dick could sleep in peace at night.

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One day, Mr. Fitzwarren called all the servants of the house together and asked his servants to trade something of their own in one of his ships that could perhaps be traded for a bit of gold or money. Dick had only his cat to send - which he did with a sad heart.

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Dick continued to work for Mr. Fitzwarren. He was very kind to him except for the Cook who made Dick's life so miserable and upsetting that one day Dick decided to run away. He had reached almost the end of the city when he heard the bells of the city rings out.

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'Don't go, Whittington, future Lord Mayor of London' chimed the bells. Dick was astonished - but he did as the bells said and journeyed back to the house. Mr Fitzwarren was relieved that he had changed his mind.

When Mr. Fitzwarren's ship returned, Dick found out that his cat had been sold for a great fortune to the King of Barbary whose palace had been overrun with mice. Dick became a rich man.

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He soon married Mr Fitzwarren's daughter and in time became the Lord Mayor of London, just as the bells had said.

Adapted from http://www.longlongtimeago.com/llta_folktales_dickwhittington.html

For Q31-32, decide who does the following activities. Tick (✓) your chosen answer. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Activities described in paragraph 1		Dick	Mr. Fitzwarren
Example	Go to London	✓	
31.	Could not find any street that was paved with gold		
32.	Offered a job to a poor boy.		

33. Which word has the same meaning as 'unselfish'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

It belonged to Mr. Fitzwarren, a rich merchant, who was also an <u>honourable</u> and (A)
<u>generous</u> man. (B)

For Q34-35, tick (✓) whether the statements describe Dick or Mr. Fitzwarren. Refer to paragraph 2 and 3 to help you. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Statement		Dick	Mr. Fitzwarren
E.g.	He has little room of his own	✓	
34.	He earned extra income by shining shoes for people.		
35.	He offered to help ship things that could be traded for money or gold.		

36. What did Dick buy with the penny that he had earned?

_____ [1m]

37. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.
Dick was heartbroken because _____. [1m]

- | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ☐ | his cat ran away |
| ☐ | the Cook was unkind to him |
| ☐ | he shipped his cat off to be traded |

38. Which word has the same meaning as 'shocked'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

Dick was astonished but he did as the bells said and journeyed back
(A)
to the house. Mr. Fitzwarren was relieved that he had changed his mind.
(B)

39. What were the two things that happened to Dick after he became rich?

i. _____ [1m]

ii. _____ [1m]

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Section G: Comprehension 2 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

It was a special occasion for the Tan family as everyone had gathered to celebrate Grandma's 80th birthday, which fell right after Christmas Day. Everyone was seated around the dinner table when Bob suddenly threw a piece of half-eaten chicken nugget at his cousin, Robert, who was seated across the table.

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Robert had been making faces at Bob a while ago, and Bob was not going to take that sitting down. Robert and Bob had never been on very good terms with each other. Robert had always been doing better than Bob academically and their parents had been comparing the two boys.

Everyone pretended that nothing had happened as nobody wanted to create an unpleasant scene. When no one was watching, Robert took a straw, sucked up some water and pointed the end at Bob. Then he blew out noisily, sending a jet of water across the table. However, he missed, and the water landed on Uncle Tommy's face. Everyone froze in dismay as the whole family knew that Uncle Tommy was not a person to be trifled with. Everyone waited in an awkward silence, wondering what was going to happen next.

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Suddenly, Uncle Tommy burst into laughter. "What a lousy shot, Robert! Don't think I don't know whom you were aiming at," said Uncle Tommy calmly, to the surprise of everyone. Then he squinted his eyes and looked closely, first at Robert, then at Bob, and said, "Boys, where are your manners? Is that the right way to treat each other? How about practising some forgiveness?" Upon hearing that, both boys bowed their heads in shame. They then shook each other's hands.

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Adapted from Raising Your Family EQ

For Q40, write 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the bracket provided.

40. Everyone in the Tan family gathered to celebrate_____ [1m]

- (1) Christmas
- (2) a family reunion
- (3) Grandma's birthday
- (4) Robert's academic success ()

41 Write one word from the passage that shows that everyone was feeling uncomfortable with the quietness.

[1m]

42. These are the events that involved Bob and Robert. Put them in the right sequence, according to the flow of the story. Write 1, 2 and 3 on the lines.

[1m]

_____ Bob threw a chicken nugget at Robert.

_____ Robert made faces at Bob.

_____ Robert used a straw and some water to play a prank on Bob.

43. State whether each sentence below is 'True' or 'False'. Give a reason for your answer. [2m]

Sentence	True/False	Reason
i) Robert does better in his studies than Bob.		
ii) Eventually, the two boys did not make peace with each other.		

44. Based on the passage, match Column A with Column B correctly. [2m]

Column A

Column B

i) Robert ●

● could not stand someone making faces at him.

ii) Uncle Tommy ●

● played a prank on someone.

iii) Bob ●

● reacted calmly at the prank.

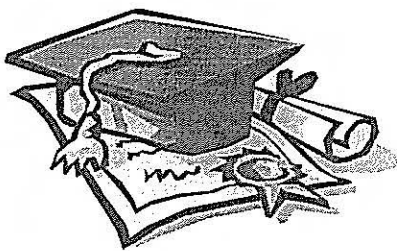
For Q 45-46, write your answer in complete sentences.

45. Why was everyone surprised (line 20) at Uncle Tommy's reaction? [2m]

46. Which sentence tells you that the boys felt remorseful? [1m]

~ End of Paper 2 (Booklet B) ~

Please check your work carefully.



ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2014

SCHOOL : ACS

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SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

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3	2	3	3	2	3	3	1	4	2	2	4	1	3	4	1	4

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22
3	F	A	D	B

23)lowers 24)reduces 25)is 26)help

27)Mr Tan returned home because he had left his keys on the table.

28)Everyone turns up for the meeting except Benny.

29)George, as well as Sally likes reading comic books.

30)Neither then my brother nor his classmates were late for the excursion.

31)Dick 32)Mr. Fitzwarren 33)B 34)Dick 35)Mr. Fitzwarren

36)Dick brought a cat 37)he shipped his cat off to be traded 38)A

39)i)Dick married Mr Fitzwarren's daughter.

ii)Dick became the Lord Mayor of London.

40)3

41)awkward

42)2, 1, 3

43)i)True / Robert had always been doing better than Bob academically and their parents had been comparing the two boys.

ii)False / The two boys must show action that they did forgive each other.

44)i) .

ii) .

iii) .

45)The whole family knew that Uncle Tommy was not a person to be trifled with but this time Uncle Tommy just burst into laughter.

46)The sentence is "Upon hearing that, both boys bowed their head in shame".

Name : _____ ()

Class : Primary 4 _____

CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 4

Semestral Assessment 1

9 May 2014

English Language

Listening Comprehension

Duration of Paper: 25 minutes

12 questions

14 marks

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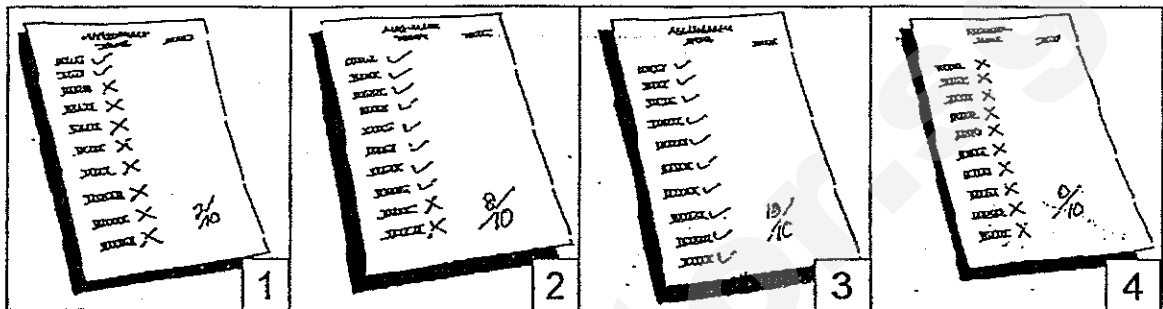
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Section B	5
Section C	3
Total	14

This paper consists of 5 printed pages.

Section A: Picture Matching (6 marks)

For Question 1 and Question 2, look at the set of pictures. Listen carefully. Then choose the correct picture that describes what has been read. Write the number 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets provided.

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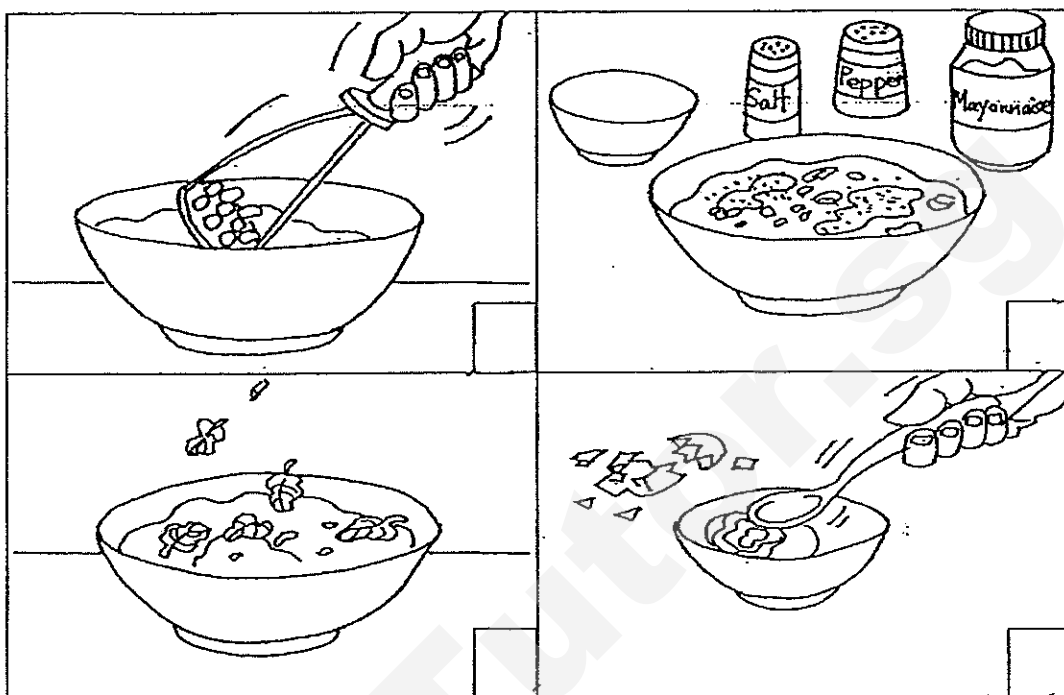
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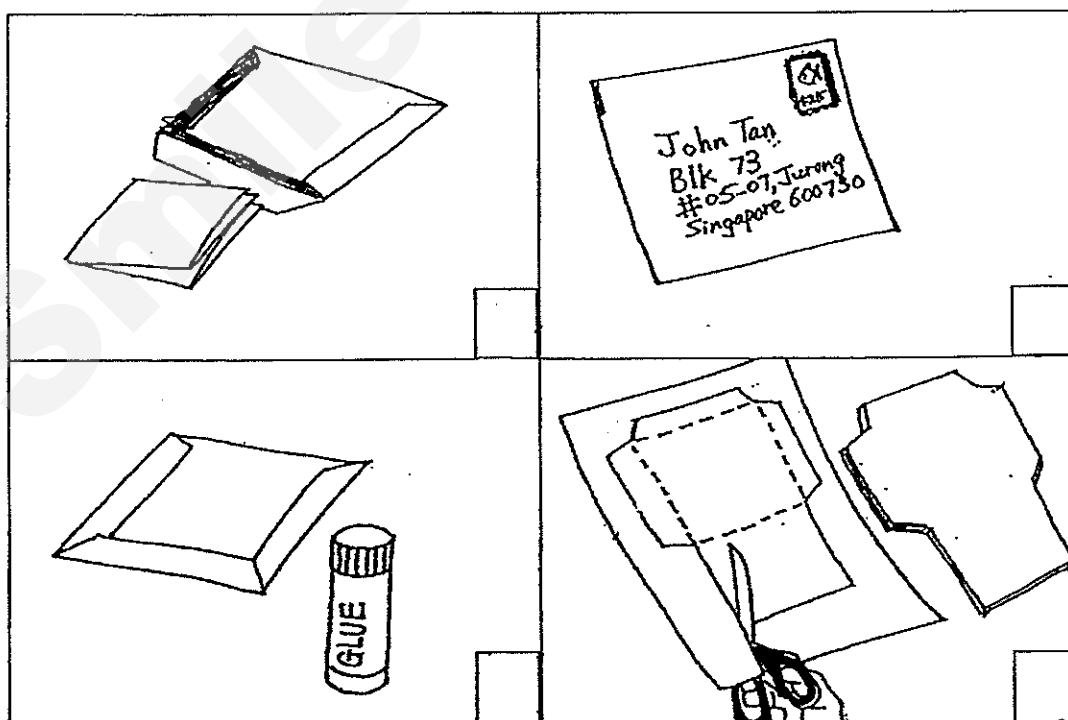
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For Question 3 and Question 4, look at the set of pictures. Listen carefully. Then choose the pictures that show the correct sequence. Write the number 1, 2, 3, or 4 in the boxes provided.

3.



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Section B: Note-taking (5 marks)

Question 5 to Question 9 is a note-taking test.

You were asked to recommend a place of interest in Singapore.

As you listen, take down the missing information by filling in each blank numbered 5 to 9 with **one word or a short phrase**.

5. Name of Oceanarium: _____

6. Located in: _____

7. Year declared open: _____

8. Length of 'The Tunnel': _____

9. Name of pool where sea creatures can be felt : _____



Section C: Comprehension (3 marks)

Question 10 to Question 12 is a comprehension test.

Listen carefully to the passage and answer the questions that follow. For each question, choose the correct answer and write the correct number in the brackets provided.

10. The Japanese word for 'harbour wave' is _____

(1) typhoon

(2) tornado

(3) tsunami

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11. In which year did a tsunami hit Samoa?

(1) 2004

(2) 2009

(3) 2011

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12. Which country was greatly affected by the tsunami in 2011?

(1) Indonesia

(2) Thailand

(3) Japan

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END OF PAPER



Name : _____ ()

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CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 4

Semestral Assessment 1

9 May 2014

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet A

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 30 min

16 questions

16 marks

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Answer all questions.

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Section A: Grammar MCQ (8 x 1mark)

Read the questions carefully. Choose the most suitable answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. Vegetables and fruit _____ left uneaten after the buffet last night.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
2. "Jane, I want you to meet an old friend of _____," said Mother.
- (1) I
 - (2) me
 - (3) my
 - (4) mine
3. Janice _____ to school when she slipped and fell on the pavement.
- (1) walk
 - (2) walked
 - (3) is walking
 - (4) was walking
4. Ashton tells his friends that he is such a good skater as he _____ skate by the age of five.
- (1) can
 - (2) could
 - (3) might
 - (4) would

5. In the last leg of the race, Tracy came from _____ to clinch the top spot.
- (1) nowhere
 - (2) elsewhere
 - (3) somewhere
 - (4) everywhere
6. "Does the sun _____ in the east?" asked Mr Lim, our Science teacher.
- (1) rise
 - (2) rises
 - (3) risen
 - (4) rising
7. "If we _____ our umbrellas along, we would not have gotten drenched," lamented the pupils.
- (1) take
 - (2) takes
 - (3) had taken
 - (4) have taken
8. We need not worry for Jessie. She is old enough to fend _____ herself.
- (1) up
 - (2) of
 - (3) off
 - (4) for

Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (6 x 1 mark)

Read the questions carefully. Choose the most suitable answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

9. The _____ chef boasted that his culinary skills were the best and that nobody else could prepare a better meal than him.
- (1) amiable
 - (2) arrogant
 - (3) articulate
 - (4) aggressive
10. Despite having only one arm, the acrobat _____ everyone with the amazing stunts he could do during the performance.
- (1) puzzled
 - (2) distracted
 - (3) astounded
 - (4) overwhelmed
11. Jane's dog _____ the frisbee that Jane had thrown into the bush.
- (1) returned
 - (2) replaced
 - (3) received
 - (4) retrieved

12. We have to leave for the station now _____ we will miss the train.
- (1) besides
 - (2) moreover
 - (3) otherwise
 - (4) furthermore
13. Jimmy saw a pregnant lady standing near him on the crowded bus and _____ his seat to her.
- (1) lent
 - (2) offered
 - (3) granted
 - (4) provided
14. More than 40,000 _____ were seated at the stadium to cheer their favourite soccer teams.
- (1) participants
 - (2) spectators
 - (3) onlookers
 - (4) audience

Section C: Visual Text Comprehension MCQ (2 x 1 mark)

Study the advertisement carefully and answer questions 15 and 16.



Rapunzel

A 'hair-raising' musical play

21 May – 27 May 2014

A production by
The Big Dreamers Company

Synopsis

"Rapunzel, Rapunzel, let your hair down."

The Big Dreamers Company opens its 2014 season with a witty retelling of a classic fairy tale – Rapunzel.

Come and get tangled up in this musical with a twist. Join Rapunzel as she embarks on a journey of self-discovery with her friends, Mark the Prince, Chestnut the horse and Tinkle the hummingbird. In the course of the story, Wilma the witch, will learn a lesson or two about being kind.

Don't miss this heart-warming tale which promises to delight both young and old.

Audience Feedback on **The Big Dreamers Company's** previous shows

"... my kids love the show."

Mrs Tan, Parent

"... kept my little one and me glued to the seat for a whole hour."

Mary De Souza, Parent

Ticketing Information

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
Monday – Friday	4p.m.
Saturday and Sunday	11a.m., 2p.m.

<u>Prices</u>	
Monday – Friday	\$25
Saturday and Sunday	\$35

<u>Family package</u> (for 2 Adults and 2 Children)	
Monday – Friday	\$85
Saturday and Sunday	\$130

*Tickets are available at Sistica booths or via www.sistica.com.sg

Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

15. How many characters are there in the musical?

- (1) 5
 - (2) 6
 - (3) 3
 - (4) 4
- Handwritten notes next to the options:
- Horse
 - Bird
 - Rapunzel
 - Prince
 - Witch

16. Which of the following statements is not true?

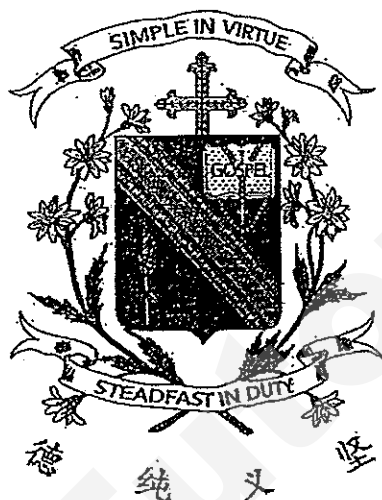
- (1) There will be songs in the play.
- (2) Both adults and children will enjoy the play.
- (3) Tickets are available online and at ticketing booths.
- (4) The play follows the plot of the classic fairy tale, Rapunzel.

END OF BOOKLET A

Name : _____ ()

Class : Primary 4 _____

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Primary 4

Semestral Assessment 1

9 May 2014

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet B

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 30 min

30 questions

34 marks

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Answer all questions.

Booklet A	16
Booklet B	34
Total	50

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Section D: Grammar Cloze [1] (4 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the most suitable answer from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. Use each word only once.

(A) at	(C) into	(E) out
(B) away	(D) of	(F) next

One morning, Abby came to class early. She wanted to work on her science project. When she opened the door, she saw Jack (17) _____ the teacher's desk. He was putting something (18) _____ the teacher's drawer.

That something turned out to be a toy mouse. It looked real enough to scare anyone who was even a little afraid (18) _____ mice. Abby could have reported this but that would get Jack into trouble. She decided to persuade him to take the mouse (19) _____ of the drawer. Abby told Jack that there were better ways of getting attention.

Adapted from 'Honesty' by Vana Earle

Section E: Grammar Cloze [2] (4 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the most suitable answer from the words given in the brackets and **write** your answer in each blank. Use **each word only once**.

How to Re-pot a Plant

First, remove the plant from its original pot. Turn it on its side and ease the plant gently from the pot. If the roots are (21) _____ [coil / coiled] around the bottom, use your fingers to (22) _____ [pull / pulling] them straight.

(23) _____ [Prune / Pruning] the roots before potting. Pruning will stimulate new root growth and help the plant grow in its new container. Fill a quarter of the new container with potting mix. Centre the plant in its new container then, fill the sides of the pot with additional mix. Water thoroughly to (24) _____ [moisten / moistened] the roots and to settle the potting mix. Add more mix if needed.

Adapted from <http://www.guide-to-houseplants.com/repotting-house-plants.html>



Section F: Synthesis and Transformation (2 X 1 mark)

Rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in **one sentence**. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

25. Betty likes to play basketball. Daisy likes to play basketball.

Both: _____

26. There is a storm raging outside so it is not safe to go swimming.

_____ if



Section G: Comprehension Cloze (4 x 1 mark)

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

After months of preparation, I was ready to set off on a cycling trip from Singapore to China. My best friend, Amos, drove his car ahead of me. He would provide me (27) _____ help whenever I needed it.

By the end of the second day of the trip, we reached Malacca where we stopped to rest. On the following day, we had a little drama in the morning. At a junction, we were supposed to turn left but the signboard pointing in the direction of Thailand was missing due to an on-going road construction. We (28) _____ the turn and headed straight. By the time Amos realised it, we had travelled ten kilometres. I was angry with Amos for missing that turn. The sizzling heat added to my frustration but, somehow, I managed to keep my cool. It was not his (29) _____. Someone should have put the signboard back.

Soon, wearing the safety helmet proved to be too hot and uncomfortable. I ditched the helmet (30) _____ a cap. I just had to ride carefully to avoid any accidents.

Adapted from 'Singapore to Beijing on a Bike' by Khoo Swee Chiow

Section H: Comprehension [1] (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 31 to 39.

The number of jaywalking cases has increased. The figures went up from 1,758 last year to 2,409 this year. Police statistics revealed that 44 pedestrians were killed while crossing the road in 2013, and the number was 49 the year before.

"Pedestrians are a vulnerable group of road users. They are likely to sustain serious or fatal injuries if they are involved in a traffic accident. Hence, they must never attempt to jaywalk," said Officer Lam, a police spokesman.

To avoid unwanted incidents, both pedestrians and motorists have to play their part "As co-users of the road, both parties bear equal responsibility for their safety," commented Mr Menon, a road safety expert.

A recent shocking newspaper report on a high-profile road tragedy has shone the spotlight on traffic safety here. The Straits Times spent two days observing traffic at junctions and crossings across the island. Out of more than 5,000 pedestrians observed, close to 500 of them were spotted jaywalking. This translates to 1 out of 10 pedestrians jaywalking. The Straits Times also observed that besides jaywalking, other road safety hazards include risky behaviour of parents and children, pedestrians being distracted by their mobile phones and cyclists crossing the road without dismounting.

Road safety is a shared responsibility. Both pedestrians and motorists must play their respective parts to ensure the safety of all road users.

Adapted from 'More are Jaywalking, Despite the Danger' by Eugene Chua and Sue-Ann Tan

For Q31 – Q32, match the data to the given years. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.
The first example has been done for you. [2m]

	Event	2012	2013	2014
Example	2,049 jaywalkers caught			✓
Q31	44 pedestraains killed while crossing the road			
Q32	49 pedestraains killed while crossing the road			

Q33. Which word has the same meaning as 'deadly'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m].

They are likely to sustain serious or fatal injuries if they are involved in a traffic accident.
(A) (B)

For Q34 – 35, tick (✓) the message relayed by the various people.

The first example has been done for you. [2m]

	Message	Police	Mr Menon
Example	The number of jaywalking cases has increased	✓	
Q34	Pedestrians are exposed to risks when on the roads.		
Q35	Both pedestrians and motorists must ensure road safety.		

Q36. State who conducted a study of traffic conditions at junctions and crossings [1m]

Q37. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

Based on the passage, approximately _____ people were spotted jaywalking. [1m]

☐	10
☐	500
☐	5000

Q38. Which word has the same meaning as 'well-known'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

A recent shocking newspaper report on a high-profile road tragedy has shone the spotlight on
(A) (B)
traffic safety here.

Q39. Apart from jaywalking, name two other road safety hazards. [2m]

i. _____

ii. _____

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Section I: Comprehension [2] (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 40 to 46.

A little black dugout canoe drifted gently on the waters of the river. In it were two Indian boys. Every now and then, they leaned casually over the sides of the canoe and looked into the water.

The night before, the two boys had sat around a fire and listened to their elders telling tales of the strange lands that stretched to the edge of the world. Siva was too young to understand what they were saying so he asked his brother, Bala, about those unknown lands. 5

"There are at least four lands and they are all different. Last night, the elders told us that long ago, seven warriors of our tribe had travelled to the eastern land," replied Bala.

"So what did they see there?" asked Siva, more and more intrigued.

"They saw a world where red-skinned people lived," said Bala. He speared a fish, stunned it and lifted it off his spear, all done effortlessly from years of practice. "They sang and danced all day. When they were hungry, they ate ears of corn which grew there in abundance." 10

"What about the lands to the south and the north?" Siva asked.

"The southern land was where the sun god and rain god lived. Women and children dressed in white lived there. They fed on the meat and milk of four-legged animals that roamed the fields," Bala said, stretching out his hands to show the size of the animals. 15

"To the north lay a desert that was so dark and dangerous that no one ever came back from it. The Mixi tribe lived there among the cactuses. A huge black eagle hovered over the entrance to the northern land. It made a piercing screech to intimidate approaching strangers, making them turn back," Bala continued. 20

They continued to fish for a long time, watching the sun disappear.

Adapted from 'The Five Worlds, Treasury of Tales around the World' by Giles Ragache

For Q40, write 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets. [1m]

40. Bala and Siva were _____

- (1) friends
- (2) siblings
- (3) cousins
- (4) neighbours

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41. Which word between lines 7 and 12 suggests that Bala was very skilful with his spear? [1m]

42. State whether each sentence below is 'True' or 'False'.
Give a reason for your answer, written in a complete sentence. [2m]

Sentence	True / False	Reason
(a) The river was fast-flowing.		
(b) Food can be found easily in the eastern land.		

43. These are some statements describing the events in the passage. Put them in the right sequence, according to the flow of the story. Write 1, 2 and 3 on the lines. [1m]

- _____ spoke about the eastern land
- _____ listened to the stories told by the tribe elders
- _____ watched the sun set

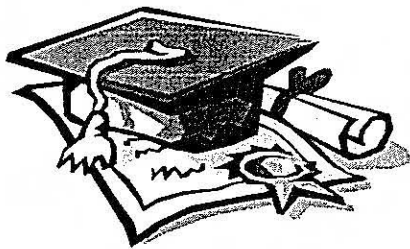
44. Why did Siva and Bala lean over the sides of the canoe and look into the water? [1m]

45. Which of the lands that Bala described had the best living conditions? Explain why. [2m]

46. What was the role of the eagle in the northern land? [2m]

END OF PAPER





ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2014

SCHOOL : CHIJ

PRIMARY : P4

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
4	4	4	2	1	1	3	4	2	3	4	3	2	2	1	4	A

Q18	Q19	Q20
C	D	E

21)coiled 22)pull 23)Prune 24)moisten

25)Both Betty and Daisy like to play basketball.

26)It is not safe to go swimming if there is a storm raging outside.

27)with 28)missed 29)fault 30)for 31)2013 32)2012

33)B 34)Police 35)Mr Menon 36)The straits 37)500

38)B

39)i)Pedestrians being distracted by their mobile phones.

ii)Cyclists crossing the road without dismounting.

40)2

41)effortlessly

42)a)False / A little black dugout canoe drifted gently on the waters of the river.

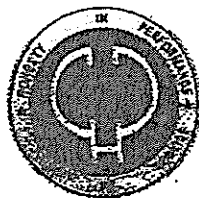
b)True / When they were hungry, they ate ears of corn which grew there in abundance.

43)2, 1, 3

44)They were looking for fish in the water.

45)The eastern land had the best living conditions. The people who lived there ate ears of corn which grew there in abundance.

46)The role of the eagle was to make a piercing sound to intimidate approaching strangers making them turn back.



**HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
2014 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION ONE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY FOUR**

NAME: _____ ()

CLASS: Primary 4 _____

Duration of Paper: 1h 15min

Part I	14
Part II	36
TOTAL	50

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PART I

SECTION A: Vocabulary (6 x 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

1. "Who played in the room just now? Look at the mess you have made!" said Father _____.
(1) warily
(2) crossly
(3) anxiously
(4) enthusiastically ()

2. The coins _____ when they dropped out of Ken's pocket and hit the hard ground.
(1) clinked
(2) chimed
(3) crackled
(4) clattered ()

3. Most of our ex-classmates _____ for the annual school gathering last Saturday.
- (1) turried in
 - (2) turned on
 - (3) turned up
 - (4) turned out
- ()
4. The suspect was like a cat on hot bricks when the police _____ him about the theft. His face turned pale and he fidgeted with his watch.
- (1) advised
 - (2) instructed
 - (3) interrogated
 - (4) recommended
- ()
5. When taking part in any contest, _____ have to observe the rules or they will be disqualified.
- (1) members
 - (2) audience
 - (3) spectators
 - (4) participants
- ()
6. The archaeologist tried to _____ the secret message on the ancient wall by studying the patterns of the symbols and pictures.
- (1) decode
 - (2) debrief
 - (3) deactivate
 - (4) decompose
- ()

SECTION B: Grammar (8 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided. Then shade your answers on the OAS provided.

7. Tommy, together with his parents _____ going to Japan next week.
(1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were ()
8. "Please keep your voices down. The baby _____," whispered Mother.
(1) slept
(2) sleeps
(3) is sleeping
(4) was sleeping ()
9. The cat moved quietly _____ the mouse, ready to pounce on it.
(1) over
(2) along
(3) towards
(4) between ()
10. The boys, _____ are from the same basketball team, are doing their warm-up.
(1) who
(2) whom
(3) which
(4) whose ()

11. Both you and _____ agree that our Grandmother is the nicest person in the family.

- (1) I
- (2) me
- (3) my
- (4) myself

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12. Mrs Bala told all the Primary Four pupils that they _____ be in school by six in the morning for the Malacca trip as the bus would leave punctually.

- (1) can
- (2) may
- (3) must
- (4) shall

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13. _____ Ming Xuan is my twin brother, we look different from each other. He is tall and slim but I am short and plump.

- (1) As
- (2) If
- (3) Since
- (4) Although

()

14. Meiling had a bad stomachache because she had eaten too _____ scoops of ice cream.

- (1) few
- (2) little
- (3) many
- (4) much

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PART II

SECTION C: Grammar Cloze

Grammar Cloze 1 (4 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

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|-------------|--------|--------|
| (A) from | (B) of | (C) on |
| (D) against | (E) at | (F) by |

Below is an email from Ali to his best friend, Mingze.

Hi Mingze,

I have a suggestion for our post-exam entertainment.

Have you heard of the Ice Art Show held (15) _____ Sheares Hotel? It is Singapore's largest ice sculpture exhibition. The spectacular ice sculptures are created (16) _____ award-winning ice carving masters.

There is also an Ice Playground where we can get to play (17) _____ the ice slides. When we are tired, we can visit the Ice Bar where drinks are served in ice mugs that we can smash (18) _____ the ice wall after drinking! Isn't it cool?

Do let me know if you are keen. We can arrange the day and time to meet.

Your best buddy,

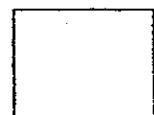
Ali



Grammar Cloze 2 (4 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

Mrs Ong is a retired teacher. She (19) [enjoy / enjoys] travelling overseas and (20) [has / have] visited many countries around the world. She loves to (21) [meet / meets] people of different cultures. She has many friends and they often (22) [write / writes] to her. She keeps in touch with her friends through emails.



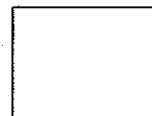
SECTION D: Grammar and Vocabulary Cloze (4 x 1 mark)

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

There was a young man from Japan. His family made wine (23) _____
a living. His father wanted him to make wine too. However, the man liked radios. He
liked to take them (24) _____ to study how the inside worked.

The young man was smart. He studied hard and started a company with a friend
to make radios. The young man had a lot (25) _____ great ideas.
People liked his ideas and his company grew.

His company is called Sony. Today, Sony is a popular (26) _____
as many people like to buy its products. It produces a wide variety of electronic
gadgets.



SECTION E: Sentence Combining (4 x 1 mark)

Combine each pair of the sentences to make one sentence using the word(s) given. The meaning of your sentences must be the same as the sentences given.

27. I was late for class. My teacher punished me.

_____ so

28. Ashley likes to read. Sean likes to read.

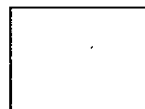
_____ and

29. Esther was hungry. Esther refused to eat the sandwiches.

Although _____

30. John tripped and fell. John was running during recess.

While _____



SECTION F: Comprehension

Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer questions 31 to 39.

Clara Gorman spent her first recess in the new school all alone. Suddenly, a girl from her class came up to her.

"Do you have a big garden in your house?" asked Ariana.

Clara hesitated before replying, "Yes... and also a big pool too."

"You're lucky! I only have a pond in my backyard," replied Ariana
enviously.

As the weeks went by, Clara became more popular in class. She bragged to everyone about her big house and expensive computer. However, no one was ever invited to her house.

"Clara, I have to go out tonight. I've arranged for a babysitter. Her name 10
is Danielle and she's bringing her younger sister, Ariana, to play with you. Isn't
that great?" said Mrs Gorman cheerfully. The colour drained from Clara's face
the moment she heard the news from her mother. She mumbled something
under her breath.

Ten minutes later, the doorbell rang. When Ariana saw Clara at the 15
door, she blurted out, "You're a liar! This isn't a big house and all you have is a
small garden! Where's the fancy computer or the pool? It's not cool to try to
make people like you by lying. You should apologise and tell your classmates
the truth! You should not deceive your friends." Then Ariana stormed out of
Clara's house.

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For Q31 and Q32, decide who had the following facilities in their house. Tick (✓) your chosen answer. [2m]

		Garden	Pond
31.	Clara's house		
32.	Ariana's house		

33. Which word has the same meaning as 'hesitated'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

The man <u>paused</u> to organise his notes before he <u>continued</u> his speech. (A) (B)
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For Q34 and Q35, tick (✓) whether the statements describe Clara or Ariana. [2m]

	Statement	Clara	Ariana
34.	Danielle was her older sister.		
35.	Mrs Gorman was her mother.		

36. State the reason why Ariana was angry with Clara. [1m]

37. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

When Ariana went over to Clara's house, she found out that Clara
_____ . [1m]

☐

lived in a small house

☐

had a big pool in her house

☐

had an expensive computer

38. Which word has the same meaning as 'mumbled'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

The timid boy repeatedly muttered his response and finally his partner blurted
(A) (B)
the answer to the class.

39. At the end of the story, what two things did Ariana advise Clara to do? [2m]

(i) _____

(ii) _____

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Comprehension 2 (10 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer questions 40 to 47.

"Remember, Class, the Math Test will be held tomorrow," bellowed Mr Lim. Janet quickly scribbled it into her diary. She had forgotten all about it.

"What if I fail?" Janet said as she walked home with her best friend, Grace.

"Don't worry, Janet," comforted Grace. "Just study hard tonight." 5

When Janet reached home, she made a plan to study. She was going to study all evening. She just needed a quiet and comfortable place to get started. Janet went to her bedroom and sat at her desk. The desk was too small. She could not spread out the numerous books and notes.

Janet went to the kitchen. She sat at the table. The table was bigger 10 than her desk but the chair was made of wood and was too hard. She was not comfortable.

Janet went to the living room. Her little brother, Mike, was watching television. She sat on the soft and comfortable sofa. She put her books and notes on the coffee table. Then she put on her glasses and was ready to study. 15

"Mike," said Janet. "The TV is distracting me. I can't study. Can you please turn it off?"

Mike did not move or say anything. He just stared at the television. Janet sighed. She read her notes but she could still hear the television in the background. She looked up and realised it was her favourite show. 20

"I love this show!" Janet exclaimed.

She tried to study but the television was too distracting. She kept looking up to watch the show. After a while, Janet stopped studying altogether. She watched the entire show with Mike. When the show ended, Janet was tired. She tried to study but she could not seem to do any of the sums. She gave up 25 and went to bed.

Janet woke up late the next morning. She rushed to school. Mr Lim was already handing out the test.

"Here you go, Janet," he smiled. He put the test paper on her desk. "Don't worry. I'm sure you studied hard for this. You will do fine." 30

40. Janet felt that she might fail her test because _____. [1m]

- (1) it was difficult
- (2) she was weak in Mathematics
- (3) she had forgotten to study for it
- (4) she did not write it down in her diary ()

41. What was Grace's advice to Janet? [1m]

- (1) Janet should get worried.
- (2) Janet should study hard that night.
- (3) Janet should record the test date in her diary.
- (4) Janet should find a comfortable place to study. ()

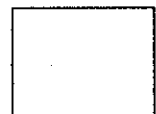
42. Write a word from Paragraph 4 that tells us that Janet had a lot of study materials. [1m]

43. Why was the chair in the kitchen hard and uncomfortable? [1m]

44. Number the events (1, 2 and 3) in the order that they happened. [1m]

(a)	Janet found that her desk was too small.	
(b)	Janet settled for the sofa in the living room.	
(c)	Janet did not find the kitchen's chair comfortable.	

45. Why did Janet keep looking up to watch the show on the television? [1m]



46. State whether each statement in the table below is true or false. Give a reason for your answer. [2m]

	Sentence	True/ False	Reason
(a)	Janet's brother responded when asked to switch off the television.		
(b)	Janet studied hard for the Math test.		

47. Based on the story, state one advantage and disadvantage of studying in the living room. [2m]

Advantage	
Disadvantage	

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Term: SA1

1)	2	6)	1	11)	1
2)	1	7)	1	12)	3
3)	3	8)	3	13)	4
4)	3	9)	3	14)	3
5)	4	10)	1		

15)	E	17)	C	19) enjoys	21) meet	23) for	25) of
16)	F	18)	D	20) has	22) write	24) apart	26) brand

27. I was late for class so my teacher punished me.
28. Both Ashley and Sean like to read.
29. Although Esther was hungry, she refused to eat the sandwiches.
30. While John was running during recess, he tripped and fell.
31. Garden
32. Pond
33. A
34. Ariana
35. Clara
36. Clara lied to her.
37. Lived in a small house.
38. A
39. i. She should apologise to her classmate.
ii. She should tell her classmate the truth.
40. 3
41. 2
42. Numerous

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43. It was made of wood.

44. 1, 3, 2

45. It was her favourite show.

46. (a) False – He did not move or say anything.
(b) False – She watched the show with Mike.

47. Advantage – The sofa was comfortable.
Disadvantage – The television was distraction.

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PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)

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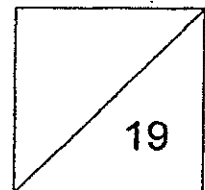
Answer all questions.

Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

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Class: Primary 4. _____

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This booklet consists of 7 printed pages including this page.

Section A: Vocabulary (6 marks)

For each question from 1 to 6, 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 Benedict was _____ looking for his unfinished homework as his teacher was about to enter the classroom.
- (1) politely
 - (2) foolishly
 - (3) excitedly
 - (4) desperately
- 2 A crowd of fans gathered at the airport eagerly _____ the arrival of a famous singer.
- (1) assuming
 - (2) accepting
 - (3) anticipating
 - (4) accompanying
- 3 "Catherine is not an honest salesperson. She sells overpriced souvenirs to _____ tourists!" warned my best friend.
- (1) gallant
 - (2) gullible
 - (3) shrewd
 - (4) sensitive

4 The recent tsunami was a great _____ which caused nearly half a million deaths.

- (1) miracle
- (2) incident
- (3) accident
- (4) catastrophe

5 It is so difficult to tell them apart as Raymond _____ his elder brother. They even have the same hobbies!

- (1) takes up
- (2) takes after
- (3) takes over
- (4) takes down

6 Lee Ann and Elsa do not _____ on most things so they always end up arguing.

- (1) bat an eyelid
- (2) see eye to eye
- (3) feast their eyes
- (4) turn a blind eye

Section B: Grammar (8 marks)

For each question from 7 to 14, 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 That is the man _____ we saw talking to Amy just now.
- (1) who
 - (2) whom
 - (3) which
 - (4) whose
- 8 Pickpockets in this country are very common. You _____ be very careful when travelling alone.
- (1) might
 - (2) could
 - (3) would
 - (4) should
- 9 Neither John nor Ann _____ to watch the movie because they have seen it before.
- (1) want
 - (2) wants
 - (3) wanted
 - (4) had wanted
- 10 Gabrielle and I _____ each other since Primary 1. We are still the best of friends.
- (1) know
 - (2) knew
 - (3) had known
 - (4) have known

- 11 There _____ a pile of books on the table a while ago.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
- 12 While Grandmother was brewing tea, I _____ some cupcakes.
- (1) bake
 - (2) am baking
 - (3) was baking
 - (4) have baked
- 13 "The traffic on this expressway _____ always heavy during peak hours," my father complains as he drives along the Pan Island Expressway.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) have been
- 14 Su Lin is creative and is very good _____ drawing.
- (1) in
 - (2) at
 - (3) of
 - (4) for

Section C: Visual Text (5 marks)

Read the flyer carefully and answer the questions that follow.

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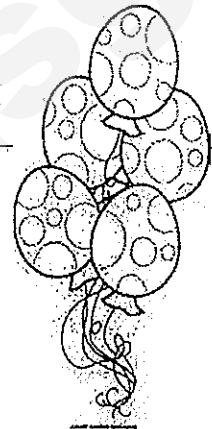
Food & Fun with Family!

The **Singapore Family Life Club (SFLC)** is once again organising the annual Family & Fun Carnival 2014 for families to unwind and bond with one another. Join us for great fun, food, games and entertainment at the Carnival on:

Date: 14 June 2014

Time: 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Location: Floravale Recreation Club



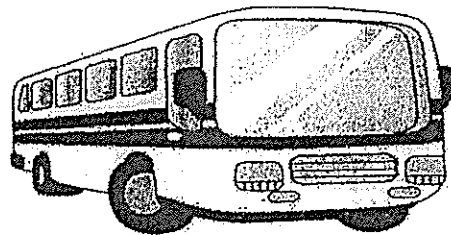
Established in 2001, the aim of the SFLC is to reach out to low-income families to help them achieve greater work-life balance and better well-being through interesting events and activities.

Programme

8.30 a.m.	Registration* at Rose Counter
9.00 a.m.	Opening of games and food stalls**
10.00 a.m.	Adventure Park opens
10.30 a.m.	Early Bird Draw Performances by live bands, magicians and Mediacorp artistes
12.30 p.m.	Lucky Draw

**Bring along your membership card and notification letter.*

***Games and food stalls will close at 6.00 p.m.*



FREE shuttle bus service at the following times:

8.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.: Bus departs every 30 minutes from Bedok MRT station to Floravale Recreation Club.

5.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.: Bus departs every 30 minutes from Floravale Recreation Club to Bedok MRT station.

Redeem a goodie bag at Hibiscus Counter. Each goodie bag contains:

- ✧ 4 tickets for selected rides at Adventure Park
- ✧ 4 wristbands for all games
- ✧ 4 food vouchers
- ✧ 1 lucky draw coupon

Attractive Prizes to be won:

- ✧ iPad Mini
- ✧ 32" LCD TV
- ✧ Vacuum Cleaner
- ✧ 2D-1N Resort stay

For each question from 15 to 19, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

- 15 The Singapore Family Life Club is set up to organise _____.
- (1) fun activities for every family
 - (2) games and activities for children
 - (3) activities to raise funds for families of low-income members
 - (4) interesting activities for low-income members and their families
- 16 To register for the carnival, a member must present his _____.
- (1) membership card at Hibiscus Counter
 - (2) membership letter and notification card at Rose Counter
 - (3) membership card and notification letter at Rose Counter
 - (4) membership card and notification letter at Hibiscus Counter
- 17 Which one of the following activities is **not** included at the carnival?
- (1) listening to a live band
 - (2) watching a magic show
 - (3) creating balloon figures
 - (4) watching a performance by celebrities
- 18 Which of the following items are found in each carnival goodie bag?
- (A) 4 food vouchers
 - (B) 1 lucky draw coupon
 - (C) 4 wristbands for some games
 - (D) 4 tickets for all rides at Adventure Park
- (1) A and B only
 - (2) B and C only
 - (3) A, B and D only
 - (4) A, B, C and D
- 19 Those who wish to be present for the Lucky Draw at 12.30 p.m. should take the shuttle bus service at _____.
- (1) 10.00 a.m.
 - (2) 10.30 a.m.
 - (3) 11.30 a.m.
 - (4) 12.00 p.m.

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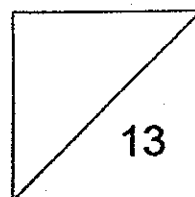
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Section D: Comprehension (5 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Steve Jobs was an American businessman and inventor who played a key role in the success of Apple computers and the development of revolutionary new technology such as the iPod, iPad and MacBook.

From a young age, Steve's adoptive father, Paul, encouraged him to experiment with electronics in their garage. This led to a lifelong interest in 5 electronics and design.

In primary school, Jobs was bored and often played pranks. His teachers reported that he was a handful to teach. Later, he went to Reed College in Oregon, but dropped out after six months. He had taken up calligraphy at Reed and said that it influenced his interest in design and the 10 eventual use of elegant fonts on Apple computers.

In 1970, he was introduced to Steve Wozniak. Together, they created the first two Apple computers. Apple's first logo had a picture of Sir Issac Newton sitting under an apple tree. Next came the rainbow striped apple with a bite taken out on the side. Later, it was simplified to a single colour. 15

Through Apple, Jobs was widely recognised as a charismatic pioneer of the personal computer revolution and for his influential career. Although he passed away on October 5, 2011, he continues to be fondly remembered by his peers, hailing him as a genius and genuine innovator.

Adapted from Biography of Steve Jobs by Pettinger, Tejvan

For **Q20 to 22**, read each statement and tick (✓) either "True" or "False".

Refer to **lines 1 to 11** to help you. The first example has been done for you. [3m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	Steve Jobs was an inventor.	✓	
Q20	Steve Jobs was adopted by Paul Jobs.		
Q21	Steve Jobs was a good student who was easy to teach.		
Q22	Steve Jobs was not interested in design until he took up calligraphy at Reed College.		

23 Which word has the same meaning as "stylish"? Circle either (A) or (B).

[1m]

He took up calligraphy at Reed and said that it influenced his interest in design and the eventual use of elegant fonts on Apple computers.

(A)

(B)

24 Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

The original Apple logo was a _____.

[1m]

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single-coloured apple with a bite taken out of its side

rainbow striped apple with a bite taken out of its side

picture of Sir Issac Newton sitting under an apple tree

Section E: Grammar Cloze (4 marks)

Read the 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 ONCE ONLY.**

(A) as	(B) in	(C) on
(D) at	(E) for	(F) around

Competitions take place frequently among children. Many children, especially those with a competitive streak, want to win every competition. When they do not win, some children lose confidence _____ themselves. Some start to blame everyone else _____ them. These children have not been taught to take every competition _____ a learning process. They should use these competitions to find out what they are weak at and try to improve _____ them.

(25)

(26)

(27)

(28)

Children should be taught how to appreciate the process and do their best in every competition.

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Section F: Grammar Cloze (4 marks)

Read the passage carefully. UNDERLINE the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

Water makes up about sixty percent of a person's body weight. Every system in the body [depend / depends] on water. A lack of water can lead to dehydration, which occurs when one does not [has / have] enough water in his or her body to carry out normal functions.

Every day, water is lost through one's breath, perspiration, urine and bowel movements. For one's body to function properly, one must consume beverages and foods that [contain / contains] water. It is estimated that an adequate intake for men [is / are] roughly 3 litres a day, while for women, it is 2.2 litres a day. However, this varies depending on one's lifestyle.

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MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2014 PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH

PAPER 2 (BOOKLET C)

Total Time for Booklets A, B and C: 1 hour 15 minutes

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Booklet A	/ 19
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Section G: Vocabulary Cloze (6 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Sushi is believed to have originated in Southeast Asia as a way to preserve meat without refrigeration. Fish was salted and wrapped in rice, then left to ferment. This allowed fish to be preserved for a _____ period of time as compared to storing it without salting or refrigeration. After a few months of fermentation, only the fish was eaten while the rice was thrown away.

This idea eventually _____ through China and then to Japan. The Japanese ate the fish and rice while the fish was still partly raw and the rice had not yet lost its flavour. In this way, sushi became more of a cuisine rather than a way to _____ food. Later, people started adding vinegar to the rice to _____ up the fermentation process.

In the 1820s, chefs _____ using raw fish in their sushi. It was initially created as an inexpensive fast food. The vinegar rice helped to _____ the raw fish from going bad too quickly.

In the past twenty years, as sushi has been recognised as a healthy alternative, sushi restaurants have flourished all over the world.

Section H: Synthesis (2 marks)

For each of the questions **39** and **40**, rewrite the given sentences using the words provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentences.

- 39** I can improve my English. I need to read more widely.

_____ so that

- 40** Siti told her mother, "I saw a stranger outside our house."

Siti told her mother that _____

Section I: Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 41 to 46.

We did not have a garden at home because Father's workshop took up all of our backyard. He was out there most evenings but I did not think he ever did much work. He would watch his small television, brew himself a cup of tea and enjoy the peace and quiet out there.

I had begged him to make me a doll house. I was hoping for a miniature mansion but he made me a small four-room house with a wobbly chimney stuck on top. He stuck red-checked paper on the outside to look like bricks. I gave him a big hug and kiss but inwardly, I thought the house was hideous. I furnished it with a plastic bed, dining table and chairs. I also tried to play games with a paper family in the doll house but it was not fun at all. I had more fun playing house in a cardboard shoebox.

Jodie had never wanted a doll house. When she was little, she had asked Father to make her a rocket, which was a challenge for him. He struggled hard and finally handed over his rocket proudly. It was hollow, with a little door, pointy at one end and touched up with shiny grey paint. Jodie held it in her hand, looking puzzled.

"What is it, Dad?"

"It's your rocket, sweetheart," said Dad.

Jodie was not good at hiding her feelings. Her face crumpled up. "But it's much too small, I can't get in!" she wailed. "I want to go up to the moon!"

"Daddy can't make you a real rocket, Jodie!" said Mother.

Jodie howled. Mother laughed at her. Even Father found it funny. I was

not there – I was not even born yet but the story had become family history, passed down like a folk tale.

Adapted from *My Sister Jodie* by Jacqueline Wilson

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

- 41 Give **two** reasons why the writer disliked the doll house that her father made for her. [2m]

1. _____

2. _____

- 42 Based on the story, state whether each statement below is **True** or **False**, then give one reason from the passage why you think so. [3m]

Sentence	True / False	Reason
i) The writer thought that her father did not do a lot of work at the backyard.		
ii) The writer's father made a small four-room doll house, complete with a plastic bed, dining table and chairs.		
iii) The writer laughed at Jodie when Jodie was upset with the rocket that her father made.		

- 43 Write 1, 2 and 3 on the lines. Put the sentences in the right sequence, according to the flow in the story. [1m]

_____ Jodie showed her disappointment.

_____ The writer's father presented the rocket with much pride.

_____ The writer's father was amused.

- 44 Fill in the box with the correct word.

Which word from **lines 5 to 11** has the same meaning as "ugly"? [1m]

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- 45 Why did the writer's mother laugh at Jodie? [1m]

- 46 Explain clearly the difference between the writer's and Jodie's reactions to what their father had made for them. [2m]

End of Paper

EXAM PAPER 2014**LEVEL : PRIMARY 4****SCHOOL : MGS****SUBJECT : ENGLISH****TERM : SA1**

Q1	4	Q2	3	Q3	2	Q4	4	Q5	2
Q6	2	Q7	2	Q8	4	Q9	2	Q10	4
Q11	3	Q12	3	Q13	1	Q14	2	Q15	4
Q16	3	Q17	3	Q18	1	Q19	1		

	True	False
Q20	✓	
Q21		✓
Q22		✓

Q23 B

Q22 picture of Sir Issac Newton sitting under an apple tree

Q25	B	Q26	F	Q27	A	Q28	C
Q29	depends	Q30	have	Q31	contain	Q32	is
Q33	longer	Q34	spend	Q35	preserve	Q36	speed
Q37	started	Q38	keep				

Q39 I need to read more widely so that I can improve my English.

Q40 Siti told her mother that she had seen a stranger outside their house.

- Q41 (1) It was small and it was not fun to play with.
 (2) It had a wobbly chimney stuck on top.

Q42

(i)	True	He would watch his small television, brew himself a cup of tea and enjoy the peace and quiet of the backyard.
(ii)	False	The writer's father only make a small four room doll house and the writer furnished it with a plastic bed, dining table and chairs.
(iii)	False	The writer was not there as she had not been born yet.

Q43 2, 1, 3

Q44 Hideous

Q45 Jodie wanted a real rocket.

Q46 The writer was good at hiding her feelings when her father presented what he had made for her but Jodie was not good at hiding her feelings and her face crumpled up when she saw what her father had made for her.

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Primary 4

Paper 2

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Date : 9 May 2014

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Duration: 1 hour 15 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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3. Answer all questions.

SECTION A: VOCABULARY (6 X 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided below.

1. The police officer _____ the suspect for four hours but the suspect did not say a word.

(1) ordered
(2) threatened
(3) commanded
(4) interrogated

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2. When a fire broke out, everyone panicked except for Tommy, who remained _____ and helped others to leave the building.

(1) as cold as ice
(2) as wise as an owl
(3) as cool as a cucumber
(4) as stubborn as a mule

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3. Mr Bloom's handwriting was so _____ that his students found it extremely difficult to read his comments.

(1) illegal
(2) illegible
(3) illogical
(4) illiterate

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4. The bank robber forced the bank manager to _____ the keys to the safe.

(1) hand up
(2) hand out
(3) hand over
(4) hand down

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5. The explanation in the old textbook was so confusing and complex that it was _____. It was no wonder that a new textbook was introduced last year.

(1) over one's head
(2) breaking one's back
(3) believing one's eyes
(4) biting one's head off

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6. The evil conqueror ordered his troops to _____ set fire to the art pieces in the museum in order to destroy the history and culture of the place.
- (1) unwittingly
 - (2) accidentally
 - (3) intentionally
 - (4) unknowingly
- ()

SECTION B: GRAMMAR (8 X 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided below.

7. The children helped _____ to the cake even though the party had not started.
- (1) itself
 - (2) yourself
 - (3) ourselves
 - (4) themselves
- ()

8. "_____ men over there look suspicious," Jim remarked.
- (1) This
 - (2) That
 - (3) These
 - (4) Those
- ()

9. After he _____ his medicine, Gabriel went to bed.
- (1) takes
 - (2) took
 - (3) had taken
 - (4) was taking
- ()

10. There were very _____ people who could answer the question.
- (1) few
 - (2) less
 - (3) little
 - (4) least
- ()

11. The ugly _____ of the villain shocked the hero.
- (1) appear
 - (2) appeared
 - (3) appearing
 - (4) appearance
- ()

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12. The pile of books _____ far too heavy for us. We need help.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

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13. The pupils are walking quietly _____ the corridor.

- (1) on
- (2) along
- (3) through
- (4) between

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14. My dentist advised me to _____ my teeth twice a day.

- (1) brush
- (2) brushes
- (3) brushed
- (4) brushing

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SECTION C: GRAMMAR CLOZE (PERSONAL PRONOUNS) (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 A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) we	(B) his	(C) him
(D) her	(E) hers	(F) they

Charlie Bucket was amazed at the size of the chocolate factory. He wished that (15)_____ entire family could be there to see how beautiful the place was. A proud girl, Veruca Salt, then walked by and boldly declared that everything in the chocolate factory was (16)_____. Mr Willy Wonka was not pleased by what she said and glared at Veruca's parents, who had spoiled (17)_____ rotten. However, Mr and Mrs Salt thought that what (18)_____ had done was good for Veruca. Little did they know what was going to happen next.

Adapted from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

SECTION D: GRAMMAR CLOZE (SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT) (4 X 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

As I sailed down the Amazon River, I was both delighted and afraid. The Amazon River (19) [is / was] the second longest river in the world and very little is known about it. I heard a splash and realised that a few river dolphins (20) [was / were] swimming beside my canoe. I reached out my hand to pat them and they playfully (21) [swam / swum] in circles to avoid my hand. The dolphins suddenly dived to the bottom of the river. They had (22) [saw / seen] the danger that was ahead. A large caiman, which is a close relative of the crocodile, was lying in wait along the riverbank. My troubles had just begun.

SECTION E: SYNTHESIS & TRANSFORMATION (2 X 1 mark)

For each of the items, rewrite the given sentences using the word provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of each sentence must be the same as the given ones.

23. Mr Tan decided to go on a diet. Mr Tan had put on a lot of weight recently.

_____ since

24. John lives in Singapore. John's family lives in Malaysia.

_____ but

SECTION F: EDITING (6 x 1) marks

Correct each word which is underlined for spelling, grammar or punctuation. Write the correct word in each of the relevant box.

Robinson Crusoe thought that he was alone on the island. He felt so lonely and he

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would give anything to have a kompaneon. "Nobody knows that I am here," Robinson

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wept as he sat on the ground. Suddenly, a man run towards him and shouted for

27)

help. Robinson quickly waved his arms and shouted, " Its safe here! Come!"

As they hid in the tall bushes, the man pointed out that he had just escaped from

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his enermis. Even though Robinson and the man did not speak the same language,

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they soon became friends and went from thick and thin together. In the end, with the

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help of his asistent and friend, Robinson Crusoe was able to return home to England

safely. They even went on new adventures together after returning to England.

Adapted from Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe

SECTION G: COMPREHENSION 1(10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Roald Dahl wrote several drafts of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* before he finished the one we know so well today. In the final draft, Charlie Bucket is one of the five lucky children who won a Golden Ticket to Mr Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory. When Roald Dahl was writing the book, he originally had the idea for more children to enter the factory. He enjoyed thinking and writing about all the different types of children he could imagine.

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However, he found that there were too many children for the story to flow well. With each new draft, he reduced the number of children from fifteen to ten, then to six, before ending up with the five children in the published story.

Even though the number of children was eventually reduced to five, Roald Dahl did write draft scenes for all the rude and naughty children who were eventually cut from the finished book. Today, these scenes can be found in the Roald Dahl archives. Three of these children who did not appear in the book were called Marvin Prune, Clarence Clump and Miranda Mary Piker, of which Miranda was only removed in the final draft.

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"I remember one small girl I slung out of the book, who was called Miranda Mary Piker. She was the filthiest, rudest and unruliest creature you could imagine," Roald Dahl explained. In one of the early drafts, Miranda Mary Piker went swimming in the chocolate river and fell down the chocolate waterfall. Mr Willy Wonka's helpers, the Oompa-Loompas, then falsely claimed that she had been turned into Peanut Brittle, to the horror of her parents.

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Roald Dahl loved the character of Miranda Mary Piker so much that he made her the star of a special chapter entitled "Spotty Powder", which was only released a long time after *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* was published. If you are interested in reading this secret chapter, do check out the book *Spotty Powder and Other Splendiferous Secrets* by Roald Dahl!

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Adapted from: www.Roalddahl.com

31. How many children did Roald Dahl originally planned to have in the factory?

[1m]

32. Which word has the same meaning as "dirtiest"? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

She was the filthiest, rudest and unruliest creature you could imagine.

(B)

33. Why did Roald Dahl eventually reduce the number of children to five? [1m]

- (1) He wanted the story to flow better.
- (2) He did not enjoy writing about the different children.
- (3) Miranda Mary Piker was too difficult to write into the story.
- (4) He wrote many drafts and the publisher liked the one with five children. ()

34. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

The final character to be removed from the draft was _____ [1m]

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Marvin Prune

Charlie Bucket

Miranda Mary Piker

35. According to the passage, what two things did Miranda Mary Piker do in the chocolate factory?

1) _____ [1m]

2) _____ [1m]

36. Name the title of a book written by Roald Dahl that is mentioned in the passage.

[1m]

37. According to the passage, which of the following sentence is true? [1m]

- (1) Miranda Mary Piker did not turn into a Peanut Brittle Bar.
- (2) Roald Dahl did not enjoy writing about Miranda Mary Piker.
- (3) Roald Dahl reduced the number of children to five after the first draft.
- (4) The scenes about the children who were not in the final story were lost forever.

38. Which word from paragraph 4 tells you that Miranda's parents feared for her safety?

[1m]

39. Write 1,2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the sequence of events that occurred in the passage. (1m)

_____ *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* was published.

_____ Roald Dahl reduced the number of children in the story from six to five.

_____ *Spotty Powder and Other Splendiferous Secrets* was published.

SECTION H: COMPREHENSION 2 (10 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer questions the questions that follow.

Prince Henry got off his horse angrily and glared at his guards. They had been travelling in the forest for hours and not one of them knew the way out of the forest. Earlier that day, their forest guide had stolen a bag of gold from the prince and ran away, leaving them lost in the forest. Sir Arthur, the brave knight and the only one who knew the forest well, had gone off to pursue the thief.

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Prince Henry thought that the forest would be dangerous when the night fell. Rumours said that strange creatures roamed the forest at night. "There is only one more hour before the sun sets! Can anyone think of a way out of this forest?" Prince Henry roared at his guards. Suddenly, a loud howl of great pain was soon heard in the distance. Prince Henry and his men started trembling in fear.

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"Guards! Form a circle around me now!" Prince Henry commanded. However, none of the guards moved towards the prince. Instead, they started running off in different directions. The howls of pain became louder and Prince Henry could hear heavy footsteps approaching. Prince Henry knelt down and started praying for help. As the prince started praying, he realised that the footsteps had stopped right in front of him. He did not dare to look up and hoped that the creatures would leave him alone. "My prince, why are you kneeling?" a familiar voice was heard. Prince Henry looked up and saw Sir Arthur. Sir Arthur presented the forest guide, who had been tied up and dragged along the forest floor.

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The whimpering forest guide then cried, "Please, Prince Henry, forgive me for stealing your gold! Release me and I will guide you out of the forest before the creatures come." Prince Henry was terrified and agreed to free the forest guide. However, Sir Arthur stopped him "Do not believe him. He's lying. There are no such things as strange creatures in these woods. Those tales are made up by this devious man so that he could steal from the villagers in the night and blame the thefts on those creatures," Sir Arthur explained. Prince Henry was furious when he heard that and decided to double the punishment on the forest guide. Sir Arthur smiled, and then, dragging the thief along, led the way for the prince to return to his palace safely.

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All answers must be based on the given text. Answer in complete sentences.

40. Why did Prince Henry get off his horse angrily? (1m)

41. Which word from paragraph 1 has the same meaning as "to chase after"? (1m)

42. Write 1,2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the sequence of events that occurred in the story. (1m)

_____ Prince Henry and his guards were lost in the forest.

_____ The forest guide stole a bag of gold.

_____ Sir Arthur went after the thief.

43. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. (3m)

Statement	True/False	Reason
Strange creatures attacked people in the forest at night.		
The guards were not loyal to Prince Henry.		
The forest guide led Prince Henry and Sir Arthur safely out of the forest in the end.		

44. Why did Prince Henry and his guards tremble in fear in line 10? (2m)

45. Why did the forest guide make up the tales of the strange creatures in the forest? (2m)

End-of-Paper

Year: 2014

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Subject: English

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Paper no: Paper 2

Section A:

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6
4	3	2	3	1	3

Section B:

Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14
4	4	3	1	4	1	2	1

Section C:

Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18
B	E	D	F

Section D:

Q19) is

Q20) were

Q21) swam

Q22) seen

Section E:

Q23) Mr Tan decided to go on a diet since he had put on a lot of weight recently.

Q24) John lives in Singapore but his family lives in Malaysia.

Section F:

Q25) companion

Q26) ran

Q27) It's

Q28) enemies

Q29) through

Q30) assistant

Section G:

Q31) fifteen

Q32) (A) filthiest

Q33) 1

Q34) Miranda Mary Piker

Q35) 1) She went swimming in the chocolate river

2) She fell down the chocolate waterfall

Q36) Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Q37) 1

Q38) horror

Q39) 2, 1, 3

Section H:

Q40) He was lost in the forest and not one of them knew the way out.

Q41) Pursue

Q42) 3, 1, 2

Q43)

Statement	True/False	Reason
Strange creatures attacked people in the forest at night.	False	The strange creatures were made up by the forest guide.
The guards were not loyal to Prince Henry.	True	When Prince Henry told them to circle around him, they ran off in different directions.
The forest guide led Prince Henry and Sir Arthur safely out of the forest in the end.	False	The forest guide was punished and Sir Arthur led the way for the prince to return to his palace safely.

Q44) They heard a loud howl and thought that it was from the strange creatures which might attack them.

Q45) He did that to steal things from villagers in the night and blame the thefts on the creatures.

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**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2014**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

BOOKLET B

TOTAL TIME: 1 hour 35 minutes

Name: _____ () Class : Pr 4 ()

Parent's Signature: _____

Booklet A : Listening Comprehension	/14
Booklet B : Language Use & Comprehension (Part 1 and Part 2)	/50
Writing	/20
Oral	/16
TOTAL	/100

Any query on marks awarded should be raised by 15 May 2014. We seek your understanding in this matter as any delay in the confirmation of marks will lead to delays in the generation of results.

PART 1

SECTION A: GRAMMAR (8 x 1 m = 8 marks)

For each question from 1 to 8, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

1. My brother and I managed to pitch the tent _____
- (1) myself
 - (2) himself
 - (3) ourselves
 - (4) themselves
2. _____ you aware of the swimming competition that will be held this Saturday?
- (1) Is
 - (2) Are
 - (3) Was
 - (4) Were
3. "Please wait for a moment. Doctor Wong _____ to her patient right now," the nurse told Mani.
- (1) attends
 - (2) attended
 - (3) is attending
 - (4) are attending
4. Ben _____ his homework on the teacher's table and **went** home.
- (1) left
 - (2) leaves
 - (3) is leaving
 - (4) was leaving

5. While I was reading in the library, my parents _____ for groceries in the supermarket.

- (1) shop
- (2) will shop
- (3) are shopping
- (4) were shopping

6. _____ pond in the far end of the garden needs to be cleaned up.

- (1) This
- (2) That
- (3) These
- (4) Those

7. There are _____ bags with interesting designs on sale at the fair.

- (1) less
- (2) little
- (3) many
- (4) much

8. We have found _____ information for our project.

- (1) few
- (2) little
- (3) many
- (4) several

SECTION B: VOCABULARY (6 x 1 m = 6 marks)

For each question from 9 to 14, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

9. The _____ of the camp planned and made sure that it was a memorable one for its participants.

- (1) pioneers
- (2) sponsors
- (3) organisers
- (4) candidates

10. The _____ king distributed his wealth to his people when he saw how difficult their lives were.

- (1) curious
- (2) cautious
- (3) cooperative
- (4) compassionate

11. The palace we visited was _____. It took us two hours to finish the tour.

- (1) minute
- (2) ancient
- (3) colossal
- (4) significant

12. Father _____ whether or not to send Tim on the China immersion programme.

- (1) decided
- (2) requested
- (3) questioned
- (4) deliberated

13. The pupils were _____ by the teacher on what to bring for the camping trip.

- (1) briefed
- (2) lectured
- (3) summarised
- (4) communicated

14. Due to the bad weather, the teachers had no choice but to _____ the inter-class soccer competition.

- (1) put up
- (2) put off
- (3) put away
- (4) put down

PART 2

SECTION C: GRAMMAR CLOZE (8 X 1m = 8 marks)

Passage 1

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

A) I	B) us	C) we
D) he	E) they	F) them

A few years ago, I witnessed an act of courage that is still etched in my mind today. (15) _____ had spoken at an assembly about how each of us has the ability to stand up for people instead of putting (16) _____ down. When I was done, one girl stood up, pointed at a boy and said, "Let's stop picking on that boy. (17) _____ might be different from us, but who are (18) _____ to bully and pick on him?" I turned and saw the boy smiling, thankful for someone who stood up for him.

Passage 2

Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

Have you heard of the Istana Ceremonial Guards? They are involved in the Changing of Guards ceremony that (19) [happens / happen] on all the first Sunday of every month. It (20) [takes / take] a lot of work to ensure that all the steps in the ceremony (21) [is / are] carried out flawlessly during this military ceremony. The Guards are specially trained and they always (22) [impresses / impress] the crowds.

SECTION D: SENTENCE COMBINING (4 x 2m = 8m)

For each of the following sentences, rewrite the given sentences using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in **one** sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentences.

23. The pharmacist called Cindy's name. She went forward to collect her medicine.

_____ when

24. Weimin broke the vase on display. The store owner made him pay for the vase.

_____ since

25. You should not add too much sugar. The drink will not taste good.

26. We submitted our entry forms before the deadline. We wanted to take part in the race.

In order to _____

SECTION E: COMPREHENSION (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

It was the fourth day of our India immersion trip. We had ridden on a bus for about an hour before we arrived at a village. Jolene kept very quiet but she still had other ways to be mean to me. She walked behind me and kept stepping on my sandals. I moved behind her and she smirked at me before she pranced ahead. I was tired of her bullying since the start of the trip.

Suddenly, I noticed that she was no longer in front of me. She had fallen into a deep drain beside the road that we were on. As we were walking last, I was the only one who knew that she had fallen into the drain. It was filled with mud and Jolene began to sink down. She yelled, "Help! Preeya, please help me!"

Just then, a horrible thought struck me. "I could just run ahead. No one knows Jolene's here and by the time Mrs Lim realises that she has gone missing, she would have been buried alive and no one would tease me anymore!"

But then I remembered what my mother had taught me. "Do to others what you want others to do to you," she would often say. I reached out to grab Jolene's hand, and pulled with all my might.

Adapted from Boo Is for Bully.

27. Write the numbers 1, 2 and 3 in the table to show the sequence of events. [2m]

Event	Sequence
Jolene walked in front of Preeya.	
Preeya and Jolene arrived at a village.	
Jolene walked behind Preeya and disturbed her.	

28. Which word has a similar meaning to "sneered"? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

I moved behind her and she <u>smirked</u> at me before she <u>pranced</u> ahead.	
(A)	(B)

For Q29-30, tick (✓) whether each statement is true or false. [2m]

Statement		True	False
Example	It was the fourth day of their immersion trip.		
29.	Preeya bullied Jolene.		
30.	Preeya tried to help Jolene out of the drain.		

31. List two characteristics of the drain that Jolene had fallen into.

- i. _____ [1m]
- ii. _____ [1m]

32. Tick (✓) the answer that completes the following statement.

When Preeya first realised that Jolene had fallen into the drain, _____. [1m]

☐	Preeya shouted for help
☐	Preeya thought about ignoring Jolene
☐	Preeya immediately went to help Jolene

33. Who was the one who taught Preeya the right thing to do?

_____ [1m]

34. Put a tick (✓) next to the most suitable title for this story. [1m]

☐	Doing the Right Thing
☐	My India Immersion Trip
☐	An Indian Village

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SECTION F: COMPREHENSION (5 X 2m = 10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

It was the school holidays. My cousin, Han, invited me to visit his home in Kedah, a northern state of Malaysia. Han and his family lived in a big, wooden house surrounded by nine acres of rubber trees. During my visit, I shared a room with Han. I slept well at night and did not feel particularly homesick.

5 Han's family owned two rubber plantations which were not too far away from where they lived. They also had a rubber factory where rubber was processed. Han worked with three other workers in the factory.

One evening, after dinner at home, Han had to cycle to the factory to pick up some tools. In the middle of the journey, he saw a shadow behind some trees. The shadow resembled a large creature. Han immediately recalled stories about the local folks' encounter with a big cat. He also remembered the advice given by the village elder, "If you come face-to-face with the big cat, you must not run."

10 Han stayed absolutely still on his bicycle with one leg on the ground. He stared firmly at the large shadowy figure. After what seemed to be a very long while, the big cat lost interest, turned and went away. Quietly, Han turned his bicycle around and quickly cycled back home instead. Upon arriving, he told us about his encounter.

15 Early the next morning, we visited the site where Han had encountered the big cat with some villagers. There were large paw prints around it. The news of Han encountering the big cat spread like wild fire around the village. Everybody praised him for his calmness and bravery. I told my cousin that he was very lucky that the big cat had not harmed him.

Adapted from Life on the Farm.

Answer these questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

35. Where is Kedah?

36. Which sentence tells you that the writer did not miss his family?

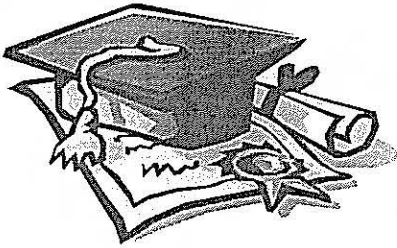
37. Apart from their house, what other properties did Han's family own in the village?

38. Why were the villagers convinced that Han had encountered a big cat?

39. How did Han demonstrate calmness and bravery?

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2014

SCHOOL : NANYANG

PRIMARY : P4

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
3	2	3	1	4	2	3	2	3	4	4	4	1	2	A	F	D

Q18
C

19)happens 20)takes 21)are 22)impress

23)Cindy went to collect her medicine when the pharmacist called her name.

24)The store owner made Weimin pay for the vase on display since he broke it.

25)If you add too much sugar, the drink will not taste good.

26)In order to take part in the race, we submitted our entry forms before the deadline.

27)3, 1, 2 28)A 29)False 30)True

31)i)It was a deep drain.
ii)It was a muddy drain.

32)Preeya thought about ignoring Jolene.

33)Preeya's mother

34)Doing the Right Thing.

35)Kedah is in Malaysia.

36)The sentence is " I slept well at night and did not feel particularly homesick".

37)Han's family owned two rubber plantations and a rubber factory.

38)There were large paw prints around the site where Han had encountered the big cat.

39)Han did not turn when he encountered the big cat and he stared family at the figure.



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

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7 May 2014

ENGLISH (PART 1)

Duration: 1 h 15 min (Part 1 and 2)

Section A: Grammar (8X1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. _____ the development of the new train routes, the MRT system is now more convenient.

- (1) At
- (2) By
- (3) With
- (4) Along

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2. The heavy downpour has really dampened everyone's mood, _____ it?

- (1) has
- (2) have
- (3) hasn't
- (4) haven't

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3. One of the actors for this movie _____ receiving an award for his outstanding performance next month.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

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4. _____ of my friends wants to go with Mark to Universal Studios.

- (1) All
- (2) Few
- (3) None
- (4) Several

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5. "Participants, make _____ comfortable as the organiser gets everything ready," Mr Haymitch said.

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

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6. I _____ a book when the telephone rang.

- (1) reads
- (2) am reading
- (3) was reading
- (4) were reading

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7. _____ oranges here are for my friends.

- (1) This
- (2) That
- (3) These
- (4) Those

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8. At the rate that we are working, there is _____ chance that we can complete the project on time.

- (1) few
- (2) little
- (3) many
- (4) plenty

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Section B: Vocabulary (6X1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

9. As he was the heir to the throne, the prince _____ all the money after the king's death.
- (1) inherited
 - (2) crowned
 - (3) descended
 - (4) succeeded
- ()
10. Angeline could not find any _____ in the kitchen so she decided to go to the market to buy some disposable forks and spoons.
- (1) tool
 - (2) cutlery
 - (3) apparatus
 - (4) equipment
- ()
11. The tenants were _____ from the flat as they had not paid their monthly rent for the past few months.
- (1) limited
 - (2) evicted
 - (3) invaded
 - (4) excused
- ()
12. The prisoners were _____ to five years of imprisonment.
- (1) jailed
 - (2) accused
 - (3) punished
 - (4) sentenced
- ()
13. Jason was so _____ that he stormed off.
- (1) jovial
 - (2) elated
 - (3) furious
 - (4) lethargic
- ()

14. The show was so popular that thousands of spectators _____ to watch it.

- (1) came off
- (2) turned up
- (3) came about
- (4) turned down

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Section C: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Janice rang the doorbell reluctantly and wished that the afternoon would go by quickly.

"Welcome!" Grandma greeted, opening the door. "There's tea and cake in the dining room. Help yourself to them."

Janice went to have her tea. She decided to explore the house after tea. Janice started with the attic. In the attic, she found a unique key. She brought the key down to show her grandfather. "Grandpa, what's this key for?"

"Where did you find that? I haven't seen it in years. This is the key to a magical room," Grandpa whispered. "It was the room I used to go to when I wanted to hide from your grandmother," he said with a wink.

"Magical room?" Janice asked.

"It's a room filled with wonderful surprises," Grandpa said. "Let's play a game. Try to find the magical room by the time I finish my tea," said Grandpa.

Janice grabbed the key and stared at it. "The key looks old. The old things are kept in the store room. Maybe I should start there."

Grandpa sipped his tea and **shook his head**.

Janice knew that meant she was going the wrong way. She halted and wondered, "Old key. I am looking for an old room! The oldest part of the house!"

Janice thought about the oldest part of the house. "The basement! It's the first part that's built!" she exclaimed. She rushed to the basement and looked at the lock. It was unique. "This has to be it!" she said to herself. She slid the key inside and turned it. With a click, the door opened.

Janice walked down the stairs. There was nothing but a box in the middle of the giant room. She walked to the box briskly and opened it gingerly. What she experienced after that was stranger than a dream.

Adapted from: http://www.superteacherworksheets.com/reading-comp/4th-foggy-figure_FOGGY.pdf

15. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

What does the word "it" in paragraph 4 refer to?

[1 m]

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|--------------------------|-----------|
| ☐ | The tea |
| ☐ | The key |
| ☐ | The attic |

For questions 16 and 17, write 1, 2 or 3 in the brackets.

16. The magical room was where _____.

[1 m]

- (1) Grandpa had tea
(2) Janice had found the key
(3) Grandpa went to when he wanted to hide from Grandma. ()

17. In paragraph 8, Grandpa "shook his head" because Janice _____.

[1 m]

- (1) had finished her tea
(2) was going the wrong way
(3) took the key without permission ()

18. Which word has the same meaning as 'carefully'? Circle either (A) or (B).

[1 m]

She walked to the box briskly and opened it gingerly.
(A) (B)

19. Name 2 places in the house Janice went to after tea.

[2 m]

20. Read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False".

[3 m]

	True	False
Janice was looking forward to visiting her grandparents when she rang the doorbell.		
Janice found a unique key when she was having tea.		
Janice did not find anything in the magical room.		

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Section E: Grammar Cloze 1 (4X1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

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| (A) bake | (B) baked | (C) baking |
| (D) was baking | (E) is baking | (F) are baking |

I am passionate about baking. (9) _____ helps me relax and unwind. I started baking when my mother signed me up for baking class at Bakerzin. There I learnt to (10) _____ cupcakes, rainbow cakes, swiss rolls and bread. I have made many new friends who share the same passion as me.

Last week, we (11) _____ macaroons while the instructor supervised us. It was not easy.

Next week, my friends and I (12) _____ macaroons for our class party. I hope our classmates will like them.

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Section F: Grammar Cloze 2 (4X1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

Dear Mum,

I am having so much fun at Auntie Maggie's house here in Australia. I (13) [love / loved] staying with her! She (14) [has / have] taken me to many places and we have had so much fun.

Yesterday, we (15) [go / went] to Sydney Opera house to watch a performance . We had the most amazing time. Everyone (16) [dote / dotes] on me and I am so happy here. I hope to invite Auntie Maggie to Singapore next year.

Love,
Jamie

Section G: Comprehension (Open-ended) (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.

A one-year-old baby gorilla was rescued from illegal hunters. She was rushed to the nearby headquarters. The veterinarians there concluded that she had insufficient food and water and was suffering from depression. These however, were not their immediate concern. They were much more worried about something else. She had been separated from her mother and was deprived of her mother's body contact.

"Baby gorillas cannot survive without their mother's constant body contact," said veterinarian Chris Whittier. "She surely would have died within a week **if the hunters had not been caught.**" Many find it hard to believe that gorillas, which are well-known for their great size and strength, are extremely fragile creatures. The staff began holding and cuddling the little female. If they did not quickly establish a physical relationship with the baby gorilla named Duni, she would not survive.

Duni resisted attention at first, shying away from people who reached for her. "Duni needed contact, but there was no reason that she should trust people after what she had been through," Whittier said. Humans had killed her family.

Three caretakers were assigned to her so that she would be with a foster parent all the time. They worked in shifts, taking turns holding her, carrying her around on their backs, and cradling her while she slept. "She did not trust humans right away," said Whittier, "but she would rather be with somebody than be alone."

Gorillas are vegetarians. Fortunately, Duni had a healthy appetite for the diet she was given. After six months of loving care, a good diet, and a comfortable home at the project's headquarters, Duni was finally looking and acting like a healthy, happy young gorilla should.

Adapted from: <http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/stories/animalsnature/gorillarescue/>

Answer these questions in complete sentences.

17. In paragraph 1, what was the one thing Duni lacked that the veterinarians were most concerned about? [2 m]

18. What would have happened to Duni "if the hunters had not been caught"? [2 m]

19. Why is it unbelievable that gorillas are extremely delicate creatures? [2 m]

20. Which sentence in paragraph 3 tells you the reason why Duni did not trust people? [2 m]

21. Identify two ways Duni had changed six months after her rescue. [2 m]

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## Exam Paper 2014 Answer Sheet

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### Part 1

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|----|---|-----|---|-----|---|
| 1) | 3 | 6)  | 3 | 11) | 2 |
| 2) | 3 | 7)  | 3 | 12) | 4 |
| 3) | 1 | 8)  | 2 | 13) | 3 |
| 4) | 3 | 9)  | 1 | 14) | 2 |
| 5) | 2 | 10) | 2 |     |   |

15. The key

16. 3

17. 2

18. B

19. Attic; Basement

20. False; False; False

21.

22.

23.

### Part 2

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|----|--|-----|---|-----|---|
| 1) |  | 6)  |   | 11) | B |
| 2) |  | 7)  |   | 12) | F |
| 3) |  | 8)  |   |     |   |
| 4) |  | 9)  | C |     |   |
| 5) |  | 10) | A |     |   |

13. loved

14. has

15. went

16. dotes

17. She was not receiving enough touch.

18. Duni would have died in a week.

19. They are well-known for their great size and strength.

20. "Humans had killed her family."

21. Duni is happier and healthier.

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**ROSYTH SCHOOL  
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**BOOKLET A**

Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 19 questions (Questions 1 to 19) and 6 pages (including this page).
4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your options on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

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**Section A: Grammar (8 marks)**

For questions 1 to 8, choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS given. (8 x 1 mark)

- 1) The teacher told her pupils to stand \_\_\_\_\_ line before moving off for recess.
- (1) at (2) in  
(3) on (4) over
- 2) Her manager asked her to \_\_\_\_\_ the proposal to make sure that everything was in order.
- (1) look up (2) look for  
(3) look into (4) look after
- 3) You \_\_\_\_\_ be at least one metre tall to be allowed to take the ride.
- (1) will (2) can  
(3) may (4) must
- 4) Tyler and his friends have decided to \_\_\_\_\_ to the nearby field for a game of football.
- (1) go (2) goes  
(3) went (4) gone
- 5) "You are not allowed to go out and play \_\_\_\_\_ you have finished your work," instructed my father.
- (1) so (2) but  
(3) unless (4) because

6) Before the famous athlete retired, he \_\_\_\_\_ many races.

(1) participate

(2) participated

(3) has participate

(4) had participated

7) Lisa, together with her siblings, \_\_\_\_\_ watching a movie later.

(1) is

(2) are

(3) was

(4) were

8) Which of \_\_\_\_\_ story books on that shelf are you interested in?

(1) this

(2) that

(3) these

(4) those

**Section B: Vocabulary (6 marks)**

For questions 9 to 14, choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS given. (6 x 1 mark)

9) He \_\_\_\_\_ and refused to make a decision as he could not decide which sport he liked better.

(1) broke his back

(2) sat on the fence

(3) put on a brave front

(4) burnt the midnight oil

10) After many hours of trudging through the forested area, the hikers reached the summit of the hill \_\_\_\_\_.

(1) suddenly

(2) eventually

(3) immediately

(4) unfortunately

11) "I am going to \_\_\_\_\_ the answer to you as I do not want anyone else to hear it," said the little girl in a soft voice.

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| (1) stutter | (2) mumble   |
| (3) whisper | (4) announce |

12) The tourists took in the \_\_\_\_\_ view of the city from the Singapore Flyer.

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| (1) amusing   | (2) adorable    |
| (3) memorable | (4) magnificent |

13) The duty of a \_\_\_\_\_ is to ensure that the players follow the rules and play the game fairly.

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|-------------|----------------|
| (1) coach   | (2) judge      |
| (3) referee | (4) instructor |

14) Every athlete is vying to win the gold \_\_\_\_\_ in the upcoming competition.

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| (1) medal  | (2) statue     |
| (3) wreath | (4) decoration |

### Section C: Visual Text Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the following advertisement carefully. Then answer questions 15 to 19. Choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS given. (5 x 2 marks)

## Uniquely Singapore!



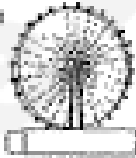
*Looking for a dream holiday? Look no further! Come to Singapore and experience an amazing getaway. Visit our fascinating attractions such as the Universal Studios Singapore and Gardens by the Bay. Indulge in our delectable array of food found all across the island. Look out for special deals for the months of April to June.*

### Special Promotion

#### Singapore Flyer

Standing at 165 metres tall, the Singapore Flyer is the world's largest giant observation wheel. Guests can enjoy the breathtaking view of the city during the 30-minute ride.

Opening hours: 8.30am to 10.30pm  
Last admission at 10.15pm  
Ticket sales: 8.00am to 10.00pm



From 1 April to 31 May 2014, enjoy 25% off the second ticket purchased.

### Credit Card Promotion

#### KNT Credit Card

#### River Safari Singapore

Embark on a journey of discovery at Asia's first and only river-themed wildlife park and meet over 5,000 animals, including 42 endangered species. Visit giant pandas, Kai Kai and Jia Jia, at the lush Giant Panda Forest – the largest panda exhibit in Southeast Asia.

Opening hours: 9.00am to 6.00pm  
Last admission at 5.00pm  
Ticket sales: 8.30am to 5.00pm



From 1 May to 30 June 2014, for every 3 tickets purchased online at [www.rssingapore.com](http://www.rssingapore.com) with a KNT Credit Card, you will receive the 4<sup>th</sup> ticket free. The free ticket must be collected at the ticketing office.

Download our Singapore Flyer mobile application to get all this information at your fingertips!



Free for a limited time!  
Now till 1 July 2014!



For flight and accommodation deals, visit our official website at [www.visitsingapore.com](http://www.visitsingapore.com) or call our hotline at 1800-6123-1234.

Information adapted from Official Singapore Tourism Website – YourSingapore.com

15) The special deals for the attractions will end in \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) April
- (2) May
- (3) June
- (4) July

16) Which attraction can the KNT Credit Card promotion be used for?

- (1) Singapore Flyer
- (2) Gardens by the Bay
- (3) River Safari Singapore
- (4) Universal Studio Singapore

17) A ride on the Singapore Flyer will take \_\_\_\_\_ minutes.

- (1) 25
- (2) 30
- (3) 42
- (4) 165

18) For information on flight deals, tourists can \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) go to the ticketing office
- (2) call the hotline 1800-6123-1234
- (3) visit the website [www.rssingapore.com](http://www.rssingapore.com)
- (4) download the mobile application 'Singapore Flyer'

19) According to the advertisement, which of the following statements is true?

- (1) The panda exhibit at the River Safari is the largest in Asia.
- (2) The last admission for the River Safari Singapore is at 10.00pm.
- (3) The Singapore Flyer is the largest observation wheel in the world.
- (4) From 1 May to 30 June, tourists can enjoy 25% off the second Singapore Flyer ticket.

**\*\* End of Booklet A \*\***



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**BOOKLET B**

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| Component                      | Maximum | Marks Obtained |
|--------------------------------|---------|----------------|
| Grammar & Vocabulary           | 25      |                |
| Comprehension Cloze            | 5       |                |
| Comprehension MCQ & Open-ended | 20      |                |
| Total                          | 50      |                |

## SECTION A

Read the passages carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. USE A WORD ONCE ONLY. (4 marks)

(A) so

(B) if

(C) during

(D) because

(E) however

(F) although

Marco Polo lived in China for many years. (20) \_\_\_\_\_ his time there, he became a messenger for Emperor Kublai Khan. It was very interesting (21) \_\_\_\_\_ he saw many things that he had never seen before.

Marco was fascinated by the Chinese cities. They were surprisingly well-organised (22) \_\_\_\_\_ they were large and populated. The food and the people were new to him (23) \_\_\_\_\_ he decided to write about his adventures. His stories were later compiled and published by a writer named Rustichello.

Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets. (4 marks)

James was excited as it was his first time on a farm. He grinned broadly as he watched (24) [ a , an ] herd of cows grazing in the field. (25) [ A , The ] leader of the herd was a large bull which was staring at him suspiciously, making James very nervous. After what seemed like almost (26) [ a , an ] hour, the bull finally turned away. James breathed (27) [ a , the ] huge sigh of relief. He picked up his backpack and returned to the farmhouse.



## SECTION B

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. (3m)

28. This is the store. It sells a large variety of camping supplies.

\_\_\_\_\_ which  
\_\_\_\_\_

29. Lila called her father immediately. Lila heard the news about the accident.

When \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

30. They had to choose another day to watch the movie. The tickets were sold out.

\_\_\_\_\_ so  
\_\_\_\_\_

Fill each blank with a suitable word. (5 marks)

Tiger Woods was a great golfer as a child. He (31)\_\_\_\_\_ playing golf as a toddler at the age of two. One year later, Tiger was playing golf regularly and was featured in a golf magazine. When Tiger turned eight, he won (32)\_\_\_\_\_ Junior World Golf Championship against older children.

By the time Tiger was 32 years old, he had won 65 professional golf championships. Tiger's greatness may be more (33)\_\_\_\_\_ just his championships. In 2008, Tiger was suffering from an injury yet he still decided to participate. On the first day, he was clearly in (34)\_\_\_\_\_ every time he took a shot. Many people thought he would not continue competing. However, Tiger overcame the challenge. Despite limping in agonising discomfort, he won the tournament on the final day. The (35)\_\_\_\_\_ from the spectators as they clapped for Tiger was deafening.

Many have said that this remarkable athlete strikes fear into the hearts of his opponents.

*Adapted from [http://www.ducksters.com/sports/tiger\\_woods.php](http://www.ducksters.com/sports/tiger_woods.php)*

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. (10 marks)

Old King Bagadata's biggest worry was that he did not have an heir to rule his kingdom upon his death. He and the queen discussed and decided to choose an honest child as their heir.

The king proclaimed, "I will distribute seeds to all the children in the kingdom. The child who grows the biggest plants within three months will become prince or princess." 5

Cyrus, a poor farmer's son, took a seed from the king. He carefully planted it in a pot and watered it regularly. In spite of this, the plant did not appear. He changed the soil and later, even put it in a different pot but all was in vain.

At last the day came when all the children had to show the king the plant they had grown. They started walking to the palace, dressed in their best. They held beautiful plants in their hands and were smiling broadly. Only Cyrus walked sadly. 10

Reluctantly, Cyrus joined the others outside the palace, holding his pot of soil in which he had planted the seed. Tears rolled down his cheeks upon hearing the laughter around him. Soon the king arrived and began his inspection. The pots held healthy colourful plants but the king did not look happy. When King Bagadata reached Cyrus, he stopped and asked, "Child, why have you not grown anything?" 15

Cyrus shamefully replied, "Forgive me, Your Highness. I tried my best but the plant would not grow." The king smiled at him and announced, "Here is the crown prince! I gave everyone roasted seeds, which would never grow, just to see which child would admit that he or she had not been able to grow anything. Only this boy told the truth. I am sure he will rule this kingdom one day truthfully and honestly." 20

Cyrus beamed brightly. His honesty had won him his just rewards.

*Adapted from Honesty is the Best Policy by Kunar Segar*  
<http://www.write4fun.net/view-entry/192756>

36. Which word has the same meaning as "arrived at an agreement"? Circle (A) or (B). [1m]

|                                                                                                            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| He and the queen <u>discussed</u> and <u>decided</u> to choose an honest child as their prince.<br>(A) (B) |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

37. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

King Bagadata would choose the heir based on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the plant the child grew. [1m]

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
|  | size        |
|  | colour      |
|  | beauty      |
|  | healthiness |

38. Write 1, 2 or 3 in the blanks to show what Cyrus did first, next and last to try growing the plant in paragraph 3. [1m]

\_\_\_\_\_ Changed the soil.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Watered it regularly.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Transferred it to a different pot.

39. In lines 7 – 9, which two-word phrase tells you that what Cyrus did was not successful?

The two-word phrase is "\_\_\_\_\_". [1m]

40. Describe the children's appearance as they walked to show their plant to the king.

\_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

41. In line 14, how did Cyrus feel when he heard the other children around him laughing and what did he do which showed this feeling? [2m]

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For Q42-44, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". The first example has been done for you. [3m]

|         | Statement                                                | True | False |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------|------|-------|
| Example | King Bagadata had many children.                         |      | ✓     |
| 42.     | Cyrus knew about the king's trick all along.             |      |       |
| 43.     | King Bagadata was only looking for a prince.             |      |       |
| 44.     | The roasted seeds helped to test the children's honesty. |      |       |

End of Booklet B

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**Booklet A:**

| Q1  | Q2  | Q3  | Q4  | Q5  | Q6  | Q7  | Q8  | Q9  | Q10 |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 2   | 3   | 4   | 1   | 3   | 4   | 1   | 4   | 2   | 2   |
| Q11 | Q12 | Q13 | Q14 | Q15 | Q16 | Q17 | Q18 | Q19 |     |
| 3   | 4   | 3   | 1   | 3   | 3   | 2   | 2   | 3   |     |

**Booklet B:**

**Section A**

Q20) C

Q21) D

Q22) F

Q23) A

Q24) a

Q25) the

Q26) an

Q27) a

**Section B**

Q28) This is the store which sells a large variety of camping supplies.

Q29) When Lila heard the news about the accident, she called her father immediately.

Q30) The tickets were sold out so they had to choose another day to watch the movie.

Q31) started

Q32) the

Q33) than

Q34) pain

Q35) cheering

Q36) B

Q37) size

Q38) 2 - changed the soil

1- Watered it regularly

3 – Transferred it to a different pot

Q39) in vain

Q40) The children started walking, dressed in their best and gave the plant to the king, smiling broadly.

Q41) He felt sad and cried to show his feeling.

Q42-44)

|         | Statement                                                | True | False |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------|------|-------|
| Example | King Bagadata had many children.                         |      | ✓     |
| 42.     | Cyrus knew about the king's trick all along.             |      | ✓     |
| 43.     | King Bagadata was only looking for a prince.             |      | ✓     |
| 44.     | The roasted seeds helped to test the children's honesty. | ✓    |       |



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**PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)**  
**BOOKLET A**

16 questions

16 marks

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 15 minutes

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

### Section A: Vocabulary

For each question from 1 to 6, 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. (6 marks)

1. Mr Tan cannot go for an expensive holiday this year as he is on a tight \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) budget  
(2) schedule  
(3) allowance  
(4) expenditure
2. Mike tapped his foot \_\_\_\_\_ as he waited for a taxi in the heavy rain. He had already been waiting for an hour.  
(1) patiently  
(2) excitedly  
(3) impatiently  
(4) delightedly
3. The performance was \_\_\_\_\_ as it brought back good memories of our school days.  
(1) typical  
(2) nostalgic  
(3) forgettable  
(4) unfortunate
4. The man was \_\_\_\_\_ of armed burglary and sentenced to three years in prison.  
(1) released  
(2) convicted  
(3) complained  
(4) condemned
5. The number of \_\_\_\_\_ have increased as more Indonesians, Thais and Filipinos are joining the workforce in Singapore.  
(1) tourists  
(2) arrivals  
(3) travellers  
(4) foreigners

6. The miser \_\_\_\_\_ donates to charity although he is a wealthy man.

- (1) often
- (2) rarely
- (3) usually
- (4) regularly

Section B: Grammar

*For each question from 7 to 12, 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. (6 marks)*

7. An investigation was carried out to find out how the prisoners could have freed \_\_\_\_\_ from jail.

- (1) itself
- (2) myself
- (3) ourselves
- (4) themselves

8. The twins \_\_\_\_\_ their dance moves every week. They are committed to achieving perfection.

- (1) practise
- (2) practises
- (3) practised
- (4) have practised

9. Fann \_\_\_\_\_ upset when her puppy went missing.

- (1) is
- (2) am
- (3) was
- (4) were

10. The principal \_\_\_\_\_ the guest of honour with a bouquet of flowers at the ceremony now.

- (1) present
- (2) presented
- (3) is presenting
- (4) are presenting

11. The motorist \_\_\_\_\_ excessively and killed a pedestrian when he was driving home.

- (1) drink
- (2) drank
- (3) drunk
- (4) is drinking

12. "Come here and help me carry \_\_\_\_\_ medical supplies to the van," said Dr Tan.

- (1) this
- (2) that
- (3) these
- (4) those

Section C: Visual Text

Study the following text and answer questions 13 to 16.

# KidzCare Concert 2014



**Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, join us for an enchanting evening of song, dance and magic!**

**KidzCare Concert 2014 features a fantastic cast of talented young singers, dancers, musicians and gymnasts in a dazzling mix of performances.**

**Proudly organised by The Singapore Times and The Financial Times, the concert raises funds for The Singapore Times School Pocket Money Fund to help underprivileged kids.**

Tickets are priced at \$18, \$28 & \$38!

Payment by cash, credit card and cheque accepted!

|                   |                                 |                   |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 8.00pm to 8.30pm  | Acrobatic Display               | 6 to 12 years old |
| 8.30pm to 9.00pm  | Flautists, Violinists, Pianists | 8 to 12 years old |
| 9.00pm to 10.00pm | Singers & Dancers               | 6 to 12 years old |

Proudly sponsored by The Singapore Times Pocket Money Fund and The Financial Times Budding Artists Fund.

Limited tickets only for two shows on Dec 6 and 7 at the Sands Theatre, Marina Bay Sands.

To purchase your tickets, go to [www.marinabaysands.com/ticketing](http://www.marinabaysands.com/ticketing) or the ticketing counters at Marina Bay Sands Theatre Box Office, SkyPark, ArtScience Museum, Retail Mall Concierge, and Hotel 1 Concierge Counter or call 6688-8826.

For more details, please log on to the KidzCare Concert 2014 website, <http://www.kidzamaze.com.sg>.

For each question from 13 to 16, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the most appropriate option and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (4 marks)

13. What is the aim of KidzCare Concert 2014?  
The aim is to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) attract the crowds to Marina Bay Sands
  - (2) show care to those attending the concert
  - (3) give privileged kids a chance to showcase their talents
  - (4) raise funds for The Singapore Times Pocket Money Fund
14. Which group of performers will take to the stage at 9.00 p.m.?
- (1) singers
  - (2) shoppers
  - (3) gymnasts
  - (4) musicians
15. Charlene's sister is 6 years old and will be performing in the concert. She could be a \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) pianist
  - (2) flautist
  - (3) dancer
  - (4) violinist
16. Where will the concert be held?
- (1) SkyPark
  - (2) Gardens by the Bay
  - (3) ArtScience Museum
  - (4) Sands Theatre, Marina Bay Sands

End of Booklet A

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|           | Marks Obtained | Highest Possible Marks |
|-----------|----------------|------------------------|
| Booklet A |                | 16                     |
| Booklet B |                | 34                     |
| Sub-total |                | 50                     |

**PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)**

**BOOKLET B**

28 questions

34 marks

Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 15 minutes.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

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Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Write your answers in this booklet.

Section D: Grammar Cloze

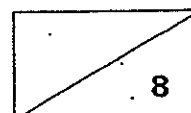
Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. **USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.** (4 marks)

|           |         |           |
|-----------|---------|-----------|
| (A) who   | (B) to  | (C) and   |
| (D) while | (E) for | (F) which |

Lisa and her mother were shopping for Chinese New Year. They made a beeline (17) \_\_\_\_\_ the 'Ladies' section. Suddenly, they heard an ear-piercing scream. A lady had just discovered that her designer bag had been cut open (18) \_\_\_\_\_ her valuables were missing! The security guard alerted the police (19) \_\_\_\_\_ arrived promptly at the scene. (20) \_\_\_\_\_ the officers were interviewing the lady, Lisa and her mother decided to go home as they were worried that they might be pickpocketed too.

Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets. (4 marks)

Tomorrow is a special day for Priya. Her parents (21) [ has / have ] promised to take her to a musical as a reward for passing her examinations with flying colours. The musical, "Matilda", (22) [ is / are ] about a little girl with intelligence and magical powers. Matilda (23) [ like / likes ] her teacher, Miss Honey, who takes good care of her. Priya has a beautiful blue dress that she (24) [ is / was ] planning to wear to the musical. She is really looking forward to the show.





### Section E: Vocabulary Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and fill in the blanks. **USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.** (6 marks)

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| reduce | health | less     | breathing |
| soared | flew   | increase | blanketed |

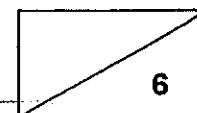
Singaporeans are not likely to forget the crisis in June last year. Singapore's air reached a "hazardous" level as the Pollutant Standards Index (PSI) (25) \_\_\_\_\_ to 371, the worst reading in history. During this time, smoke from Indonesian forest fires caused Singapore to be (26) \_\_\_\_\_ in thick haze, also known as smog.

Given the unhealthy, hazy conditions, children and the elderly were advised to (27) \_\_\_\_\_ prolonged and heavy outdoor activities. Masks and air purifiers (28) \_\_\_\_\_ off the shelves at pharmacies and medical stores as people rushed to get a sufficient supply for their families. Everyone puts on the face mask when they go outside. They complained of difficulties in (29) \_\_\_\_\_ and discomfort.

The Singapore Armed Forces stopped all field training. Face masks were issued to all pump attendants at petrol stations. Public transport and roads were (30) \_\_\_\_\_ busy. Shops and supermarkets were deserted.

Singaporeans hoped that the issue will be resolved and not occur again.

Adapted from : <http://sg.news.yahoo.com/haze-reaches-unhealthy-level-in-singapore-085448213.html>



Section F: Sentence Combining

For each of the questions 31 to 34, combine the sentences to make **one** sentence using the word(s) given. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the sentences given.  
(4 marks)

31. Usain lives very far from his school. He walks to school every day.

Although \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

32. Sarah is looking for her water bottle. She left it in the library.

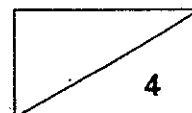
\_\_\_\_\_ which  
\_\_\_\_\_

33. Jack likes to help out at the old folks' home. Jill likes to help out at the old folks' home too.

Both \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

34. Judy was not feeling well. She did not go to her best friend's birthday party.

\_\_\_\_\_ because  
\_\_\_\_\_



Section G: Comprehension (Short-Response)

*Read the passage below carefully and answer the questions that follow.*

*(6 marks)*

In the modern city of Greendale, there lived a businessman, Mr Pip, and his three daughters. His two elder daughters were considerate and put others before themselves unlike the youngest daughter.

One day, the businessman received news that his business had failed. Overnight, the businessman and his daughters had to move from a mansion to a one-room flat.

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The businessman decided to start his business all over again. He tried to go to a neighbouring country to look for another job. Before he set off, he promised to bring back presents for all his three daughters. The elder two said that they did not need anything. In contrast, the youngest daughter demanded that her father bring back an ugly but rich man.

The businessman did well enough to save enough money. Within a year, the businessman had made enough profits for him to return to Singapore with presents for his daughters. He invited his friend, Mr Gray, who was ugly but had a heart of gold, to travel with him to Greendale.

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At Greendale Airport, the businessman had a warm homecoming. His two elder daughters were pleased to have him back. His youngest daughter took one look at the ugly man, strode over to him and kissed him on the lips. Immediately, he turned into a dashing and handsome young man.

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"Are women here all so bold?" he asked, taken aback at her behaviour.

"No, not all, she replied. "I'm glad I still remember my fairy tales. I knew a kiss would do the trick. Come, let's get married now."

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"Sorry, young lady," the man replied. "I don't believe in fairy tales. I am very clear-headed and I do not want to marry someone like you."

With a wave, he headed home.

*Adapted from "Text Types in the Primary Classroom"*

35. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

The businessman's youngest daughter was \_\_\_\_\_. (1m)

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|--------------------------|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | kind    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | gentle  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | selfish |

For Q36, write 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the bracket.

36. What did the businessman do when his business failed? (1m)

- (1) He left for another town.
- (2) He moved to a smaller house.
- (3) He built up his business again in Greendale.
- (4) He stopped buying presents for his daughters.

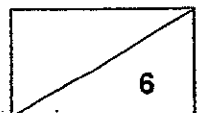
For Q37-38 tick ✓ whether the statements correctly describe the actions of the Mr Gray or the youngest daughter. (2m)

|     | Statement                                             | Mr Gray | Youngest daughter |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------|
| 37. | He / She proposed marriage.                           |         |                   |
| 38. | He / She travelled with the businessman to Greendale. | ✓       |                   |

39. List 2 reasons why Mr Gray rejected the youngest daughter's proposal.

i. \_\_\_\_\_ (1m)

ii. \_\_\_\_\_ (1m)



Section H: Comprehension (Open-ended)

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 40 to 44.

(10 marks)

Once upon a time, there were twin boys called Hunah and Balan. They lived in a house in the mountains, surrounded by rainforest trees.

The twins had two sisters. The sisters hated the twins. They would make the twins sleep outside in thorny bushes. They would eat all the food their grandmother cooked so that the twins were forced to hunt and depend on nature to survive.

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Right from their birth, the twins were blessed with magic powers. One day, they decided to use their magic to teach their cruel sisters a lesson. That day, they went out hunting as usual, but came home hungry and empty-handed.

"Big sisters, please help us," they cried. "We've found a tree with a lot of birds in it. We can't catch them all ourselves."

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Now, the big sisters were greedy as well as cruel. They were sharp enough to realize immediately that the birds would make a sumptuous feast! They hastened into the forest and the twins showed them the tree that was full of birds.

The twins pretended to shoot at some of the birds with their blowpipes. "Big sisters! You are taller than us," they said. "Please climb up the branches and bring the birds down!"

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Anticipating a wonderful feast, the sisters climbed up the tree with ease. However, as they climbed, the tree grew bigger and bigger until it towered high above even the tallest forest trees. The sisters were terrified that they might fall. The twins laughed, "If you're really scared, untie your scarves and use them to hold on to the tree."

The sisters did as they were told. The long scarves looked like tails. The sisters looked like monkeys as they slipped and swayed among the branches, shouting with rage and fear. In fact, they did not just look like monkeys — they had turned into them!

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Adapted from <http://www.americanegypt.com/feature>

**ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

40. Why were the twins forced to hunt for food?

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41. What advantage did the twins have over the sisters?

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42. Why were the sisters not sincere about helping the twins?

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43. Which word in Paragraph 5 has the same meaning as "hurried"?

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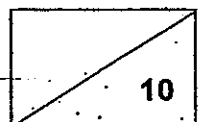
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44. Explain clearly how the sisters were punished for their cruelty.

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## Exam Paper 2014 Answer Sheet

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|----|---|----|---|-----|---|-----|---|
| 1) | 1 | 5) | 4 | 9)  | 3 | 13) | 4 |
| 2) | 3 | 6) | 2 | 10) | 3 | 14) | 1 |
| 3) | 2 | 7) | 4 | 11) | 2 | 15) | 3 |
| 4) | 2 | 8) | 1 | 12) | 3 | 16) | 4 |

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| 17) | E | 19) | A | 21) | have | 23) | likes |
| 18) | C | 20) | D | 22) | is   | 24) | is    |

25. soared

26. blanketed

27. reduce

28. flew

29. breathing

30. less

31. Although Usain lives very far from his school, he walks to school every day.

32. Sarah is looking for her water bottle which she left in the library.

33. Both Jack and Jill like to help out at the old folks' home.

34. Judy did not go to her best friend's birthday party because she was not feeling well.

35. Selfish

36. 2

37. Youngest daughter

38. Mr Gray

39. i. He did not believe in fairy tales.

ii. The youngest daughter was very selfish.

40. Their sisters would eat all the food their grandmother cooked so the twins were forced to hunt and depend on nature to survive.

41. They were blessed with magic powers but their sisters were not.

42. The sisters were greedy and cruel. They realized that the birds would make a scrumptious feast for them.

43. The word is "hastened".

44. They were tricked into climbing the tree and were turned into monkeys by the twins.

36. The word is "renewed".

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100. The word is "renewed".





## **PRIMARY 4 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2014**

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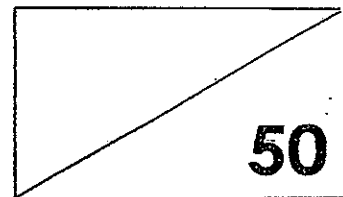
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### **ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

### **PAPER 2**

### **(LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)**

#### **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

1. Write your name, class and register number.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. For questions 1 to 15, shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.
6. For questions 16 to 39, write your answers in this booklet.

**Section A (6 x 1m)**

**Vocabulary**

For each question from 1 to 6, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

1. These freshly baked custard tarts are \_\_\_\_\_ as many customers would queue for hours to buy them.
  - (1) stunning
  - (2) delightful
  - (3) appealing
  - (4) delectable
  
2. After the massive earthquake, all the residents have left their homes so the buildings are now \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) spoilt
  - (2) sparse
  - (3) vacant
  - (4) hopeless
  
3. Smoking is \_\_\_\_\_ in this restaurant.
  - (1) refused
  - (2) blocked
  - (3) rejected
  - (4) prohibited

4. Michael waved frantically at John and \_\_\_\_\_ him to quickly hide behind the door to give their mother a surprise.
- (1) drew
  - (2) coaxed
  - (3) tempted
  - (4) beckoned
5. Gina \_\_\_\_\_ at Henry as he continued to irritate her.
- (1) glared
  - (2) peered
  - (3) peeked
  - (4) glanced
6. John had difficulty solving the Mathematics question as he found it really \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) bothersome
  - (2) problematic
  - (3) troublesome
  - (4) complicated

**Section B (8 x 1m)**

**Grammar**

For each question from 7 to 14, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

7. The scouts \_\_\_\_\_ their tents and unpacked their gear when they arrived at the camp site.
- (1) pitch
  - (2) pitches
  - (3) pitched
  - (4) pitching
8. The ice cream \_\_\_\_\_ in two flavours. They are strawberry and chocolate.
- (1) come
  - (2) came
  - (3) comes
  - (4) coming
9. \_\_\_\_\_ the lack of training, John emerged as the winner in the Spelling Bee Competition.
- (1) Since
  - (2) Unless
  - (3) Due to
  - (4) Despite

10. Raju was busy with his wushu training and had \_\_\_\_\_ time to do his homework.
- (1) few
  - (2) little
  - (3) many
  - (4) much
11. James said, "If you \_\_\_\_\_ a wealthy man, what would you buy?"
- (1) am
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
12. Mei Shan had to sit \_\_\_\_\_ the assembly talk as it was important.
- (1) in
  - (2) out
  - (3) with
  - (4) through

13. All the participants but one \_\_\_\_\_ the training over the past one week.

(1) attend

(2) attends

(3) has attended

(4) have attended

14. "You went to the party, \_\_\_\_\_ you?" John asked his brother.

(1) did

(2) have

(3) didn't

(4) haven't

### Section C (10m)

#### Comprehension

Read the passage below and answer questions 15 to 22 based on the passage.

A moose went for a drink and saw his reflection in the water. "What magnificent antlers I have!" he exclaimed proudly. Then, he looked down at his legs and sighed.

"What's wrong?" asked a fish.

"I hate my long and thin legs. I would rather have no legs like you," 5 groaned the moose.

"I doubt it," replied the fish, but before it could say more, the forest was filled with the barking of hunting dogs.

The moose took to his heels and fled like the wind to safety. Just as he thought he was safe, his antlers got caught in the branches of a tree. 10 They caused a nest to fall off the tree.

"Don't struggle," called a bird, "or you'll become more tangled! The dogs will be here and those antlers will be the death of you."

Though the moose's every instinct was to struggle, he took the bird's advice. Calmly, he managed to free himself and return safely to his 15 family.

The moose heaved a sigh of relief and said, "I've just realised something. The part of me I was most proud of was nearly the death of me and the part I despised most has saved me."

Adapted from *The Stag and His Spindly Legs*

For question 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the answer (1, 2, 3, or 4) on the OAS.

15. The moose was at the river to admire his \_\_\_\_\_. [1m]

- (1) legs
- (2) face
- (3) body
- (4) antlers

For questions 16 to 20, write your answers in the space provided. Your answers must be based on the passage.

16. Write one word from paragraph 8 that has the same meaning as the word 'hated'. [1m]

Read each statement and tick ☒ 'True' or 'False'. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

| Sentence |                                                                       | True                                | False |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|
| Example  | The moose disliked his pair of legs the most.                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |       |
| 17.      | The moose struggled to free himself.                                  |                                     |       |
| 18.      | The moose and his family were trying to escape from the hunting dogs. |                                     |       |



19. These are the moose's experience in the forest. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the boxes below to indicate the flow of the story. [1m]

|  |                                                                             |
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|  | The moose listened to the bird's advice and remained calm.                  |
|  | The moose was looking at his reflection and was dissatisfied with his legs. |
|  | The moose remained calm and he managed to escape from the dogs.             |

20. Tick ☒ your chosen answer.

The bird gave the moose \_\_\_\_\_ advice.

[1m]

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|  | wise         |
|  | foolish      |
|  | unreasonable |

For Questions 21 and 22, write your answers in complete sentences. Your answers must be based on the given passage.

21. What does the word "**They**" in line 11 refer to?

[2m]

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22. What made the moose change his thought about his legs?

[2m]

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**Section D (4 x 1m)**

**Grammar Cloze**

Read the passage carefully. There are 4 blanks, numbered 23 to 26, in the passage below. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. **USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.**

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|---------|----------|----------|
| (A) his | (B) it   | (C) my   |
| (D) our | (E) them | (F) your |

Tortoise invited Baboon for supper. It was the dry season and many bush fires occurred in the area. To get to Tortoise's place, Baboon had to cross a field of blackened grass. When he arrived, Tortoise was stirring a pot of delicious food.

"Pleased to see you, (23) \_\_\_\_\_ friend," he said to Baboon. "Dear me, didn't (24) \_\_\_\_\_ mother teach you to wash your hands before meals?"

Baboon looked at (25) \_\_\_\_\_ paws. They were completely black.

"Run along to the river and give (26) \_\_\_\_\_ a rinse," chided Tortoise. "Then you may eat."

Adapted from *The Tortoise and the Baboon*

**Section E (4 x 1m)**

**Grammar Cloze**

Read the passage carefully. There are 4 blanks, numbered 27 to 30, in the passage below. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

Drinking bottled water is more convenient. Almost everyone (27) [ believe / believes ] that bottled water is safer than tap water.

In America, families (28) [ buy / buys ] more bottled water than any other nation in the world. Every year, about 29 billion water bottles (29) [ contribute / contributes ] to the waste problem in the United States.

Instead of drinking bottled water, we should drink water straight from the tap. Tap water (30) [ is / are ] safe in the United States. Bottled water is considered unsafe as some chemicals may be present in the bottles.

Adapted from *National Geographic Kids: Drinking Water: Bottled or From Tap?*

**Section F (4 x 2m)**

**Synthesis and Transformation**

For each of the questions 31 to 34, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

31. Ali was my classmate in primary school. Ali is now a famous national sailor.

\_\_\_\_\_ who  
\_\_\_\_\_

32. John ran very fast but he did not win the race.

\_\_\_\_\_ even though  
\_\_\_\_\_

33. Michelle was lazy. Michelle did not do well for the mid-year examination.

Due to her \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

34. Jane told her aunt, "We left the resort yesterday."

Jane told her aunt that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Section G (5 x 2m)**

**Comprehension Open**

**Read the passage below and answer questions 35 to 39.**

My cousin, Beatrice, and I had gone out to watch Queen Victoria's coronation procession. Everyone was jostling and shoving to get a better view. Beatrice was cross because her new silk dress was getting crumpled.

"I cannot put up with the crowd," grumbled Beatrice. "Let's go home." 5

I nodded. "We'll see better from your balcony." We hurried back to where Beatrice lived. As we reached her gate, Beatrice suddenly gripped my arm and pointed at something huddled in the garden. I peered over to where she was pointing. It looked like a pile of old rags.

"It's moving," Beatrice whispered. 10

To my astonishment, it was a boy scrambling to his feet. I had seen poor people before, but never so thin and dirty.

The boy stepped back, shielding his face with his hands and said, "Don't hit me. I have done nothing."

"We're not going to hurt you, I promise," I said. 15

Beatrice made a grab at my arm, "Come away, Olivia. He's crawling with lice."

I ignored her and stepped nearer to the boy. One thing that really drew my attention was a cut across his cheek.

"Who hurt you?" I asked. 20

The boy coughed, and replied, "Old Sam, the supervisor at the match factory where I work. He got the belt out and whipped me this morning."

Beatrice interrupted him, "He must have had a reason for beating you."

The boy turned to look at her. "He hit me because I fell. Old Sam 25 doesn't like anyone fainting, or getting sick." He coughed again. "I'll never go back to the factory. I want a better life for myself and find other work."

Adapted from *Not always a perfect day*

**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

35. Why was the crowd jostling and shoving?

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36. What does the word "It" in line 9 refer to?

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37. How did the writer react after her cousin pulled her away?

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38. Why did the boy have a cut across his cheek?

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39. Which sentence in this passage tells you that the boy was positive despite his hardship?

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| Q3 | 4 | Q8  | 3 | Q13 | 4 |
| Q4 | 4 | Q9  | 4 | Q14 | 3 |
| Q5 | 1 | Q10 | 2 | Q15 | 4 |

Q16 despised

Q17 TRUE

Q18 FALSE

Q19 2,1,3

Q20 wise

Q21 'They' refers to the moose's antlers.

Q22 His legs saved him from the hunting dogs.

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| Q23 | C | Q25 | A |
| Q24 | F | Q26 | E |

|     |          |     |            |
|-----|----------|-----|------------|
| Q27 | believes | Q29 | contribute |
| Q28 | buy      | Q30 | is         |

Q31 Ali, who was my classmate in primary school, is now a famous national sailor.

Q32 John did not win the race even though he ran very fast.

Q33 Due to her laziness, Michelle did not do well for the mid-year examination.

Q34 Jane told her aunt that they had left the resort the previous day.

Q35 They wanted to have a better view of Queen Victoria's coronation procession.

Q36 It refers to the boy.

Q37 The writer ignored her and went near to the boy.

Q38 Old Sam, the supervisor at the match factory, got a belt out and whipped the boy that morning.

Q39 I want a better life for myself and find other work.

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**AI TONG SCHOOL**  
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**PRIMARY 4**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**  
**PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)**

Total Time for Part 1 and Part 2: 1 hour 15 minutes

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| <b>Paper 1<br/>(20 m)</b> | <b>Paper 2<br/>(50 m)</b> | <b>Listening<br/>Comprehension<br/>(14 m)</b> | <b>Oral<br/>(16 m)</b> | <b>Total<br/>(100 m)</b> |
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**Section A: Grammar MCQ (8 x 1 mark)**

For each question from 1 to 8, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. My sister and I have to share the cookies among \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) myself (2) ourselves  
(3) themselves (4) yourselves
2. Last evening, my parents \_\_\_\_\_ in the living room watching television.
- (1) am (2) is  
(3) was (4) were
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ over the moon when I heard the good news.
- (1) am (2) is  
(3) was (4) were
4. "Keep quiet! The twins \_\_\_\_\_ for their test now," Mother said.
- (1) studies (2) studied  
(3) are studying (4) have studied
5. Last week, I \_\_\_\_\_ some books from the library.
- (1) borrow (2) borrowed  
(3) have borrowed (4) were borrowing

6. While my mother \_\_\_\_\_ in the kitchen, the telephone rang.

(1) cook

(2) has cooked

(3) will cook

(4) was cooking

7. "Who are \_\_\_\_\_ pupils playing in that corner?" Mrs Tan asked, pointing across the classroom.

(1) this

(2) that

(3) these

(4) those

8. I must have put too \_\_\_\_\_ salt into the soup. It tastes extremely salty.

(1) a few

(2) little

(3) many

(4) much

**Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (6 x 1 mark)**

For each question from 9 to 14, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

9. Jerry displayed \_\_\_\_\_. Even though he lost the match, he smiled and shook his competitor's hand.
- (1) diligence (2) teamwork  
(3) harmony (4) sportsmanship
10. We \_\_\_\_\_ the car tyres screeching so we turned around to see what had happened.
- (1) felt (2) heard  
(3) smelt (4) witnessed
11. The strong tsunami pushed the building off its foundation, causing it to collapse. What is left are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the building.
- (1) debris (2) fragments  
(3) ruins (4) rubbish
12. I was \_\_\_\_\_ when I walked into the room and everyone exclaimed, "Happy birthday!" I smiled widely and I thanked them.
- (1) amazed (2) puzzled  
(3) surprised (4) impressed

13. Don't worry! The firemen have \_\_\_\_\_ into action and are putting out the blazing fire.

(1) moved

(2) run

(3) swung

(4) turned

14. Bali tigers are now believed to be \_\_\_\_\_. The last Bali tiger was killed in 1937 and no one had seen one ever since.

(1) extinct

(2) inactive

(3) endangered

(4) threatened

**Ai Tong School**  
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**Section C: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)**

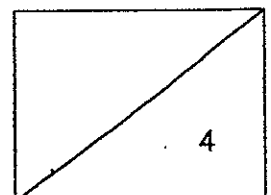
**Passage 1**

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

|         |          |        |
|---------|----------|--------|
| (A) I   | (B) it   | (C) me |
| (D) she | (E) they | (F) we |

It was the March holidays last week. My sister and (15) \_\_\_\_\_ went to Sentosa with our neighbours, Tim and Sam. (16) \_\_\_\_\_ was a sunny day, a perfect day to be at the beach. All of us brought our buckets and spades so (17) \_\_\_\_\_ had a sandcastle-building competition. My sister won the competition as (18) \_\_\_\_\_ had built the biggest and most beautiful sandcastle within fifteen minutes. Everyone had fun at Sentosa.

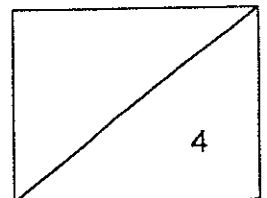




## Passage 2

Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

I am Tito, a leatherback sea turtle. My shell (19) ( feels / feel ) like rubber and I (20) ( spends / spend ) most of my life in water with my turtle friends. We (21) ( likes / like ) eating jellyfish and seaweed. Next month, my mother (22) ( is / are ) going back to shore to lay more eggs. I am excited as I will get to see my siblings.



**Section D: Comprehension Cloze (8 x 1 mark)**

There are eight blanks numbered 23 to 30. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Owning a dog is not easy. You should not buy a dog on impulse. Here are some things you have to take note of before getting a dog.

You have to be responsible. You must (23) \_\_\_\_\_ good care of it. You have to feed it regularly with nutritious food.

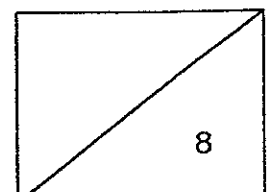
Recently, a man was (24) \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 000 as he did not look after his dog. He did not feed it, leaving it to (25) \_\_\_\_\_ for many days. It eventually died.

When your dog is (26) \_\_\_\_\_, you have to take it to the vet. Besides (27) \_\_\_\_\_ for the pet's medical bills, you have to buy other important things such as a leash and feeding bowls.

Patience and time are important too. In order for your dog to remain fit and (28) \_\_\_\_\_, you should take them out for walks. You should also be (29) \_\_\_\_\_ and bring a plastic bag along as there is a need to clean (30) \_\_\_\_\_ after your pets in public places.

Some people buy dogs without realising that owning one is not easy. They end up abandoning them. Dogs are living things too so we must think twice before getting one.

*Written by: Geraldine Goh*



**Section E: Comprehension Open-Ended 1 (10 marks)**

Read the passage below and answer Questions 31 to 39.

A truck collided with a bus at Bishan last Friday morning. While the bus driver was not injured, the twelve passengers in the bus suffered minor injuries.

Mr Ang, who witnessed the accident, said that he was waiting at the traffic light when he saw the truck turning at a sharp bend but it seemed that the driver could not stop in time. As a result, the truck collided with the back of the bus. 5

Mr Oh, who was standing at the bus stop, said that the driver of the truck drove off immediately. Luckily, he managed to take a photograph of the truck's licence plate. Mr Oh was angry with the driver for not stopping to help the injured passengers. He called the Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) at 8.30 a.m..

The bus driver, together with some onlookers, was seen trying to carry the injured passengers out of the bus before the arrival of the police. These passengers had cuts and bruises on their faces. Even though they looked shocked, they remained composed. They did not scream or cry. At 8.45 a.m., three ambulances arrived at the scene and the injured were taken to the hospital. 10

The police, who arrived at 8.40 a.m., said that they are currently investigating the accident. 15

*Written by: Geraldine Goh*

31. Which word has the same meaning as 'stunned'?

Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

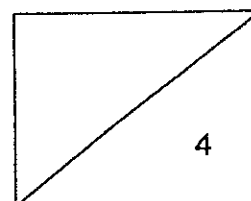
Even though they looked shocked, they remained composed.

(A)

(B)

For questions 32, 33 and 34, put a tick (✓) in the correct column. The first example has been done for you. [3m]

| Statement |                                                                            | True | False |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------|
| Example   | A truck collided with a bus at Bishan.                                     | ✓    |       |
| 32.       | The bus collided with the back of the truck.                               |      |       |
| 33.       | The truck driver drove off without helping the injured passengers.         |      |       |
| 34.       | The bus driver suffered minor injuries and had to be sent to the hospital. |      |       |



For questions 35, 36 and 37, put a tick (✓) in the correct column for the statements that describe either Mr Ang or Mr Oh. [3m]

| Statement      |                                                                 | Mr Ang | Mr Oh |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------|
| <b>Example</b> | <b>He saw the truck turning at a sharp bend</b>                 | ✓      |       |
| 35.            | He was waiting at the traffic light when the accident happened. |        |       |
| 36.            | He called the Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF).             |        |       |
| 37.            | He took a photograph of the truck's licence plate.              |        |       |

38. Write 1, 2 and 3 on the blanks below to indicate the order of events that occurred in the passage. [1m]

\_\_\_\_\_ The injured passengers were carried out of the bus.

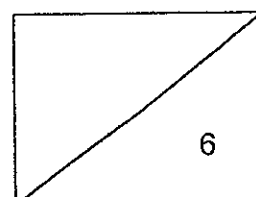
\_\_\_\_\_ The police arrived at the scene.

\_\_\_\_\_ The ambulances arrived and the injured were taken to the hospital.

39. Fill in the blank with a suitable word(s). [2m]

After the accident happened, some \_\_\_\_\_ and the

\_\_\_\_\_ carried the injured passengers out of the bus.



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**Section F: Comprehension Open-Ended 2 (10 marks)**

Read the passage below and answer Questions 40 to 43.

Howard Kelly was a poor boy who used to sell goods from door to door to pay his way through school. One cold day, he was so hungry that he decided to ask for a meal at the next house. When a woman opened the door, he became frightened and changed his mind. He asked for a glass of water instead. Seeing him shivering in the cold, the kind woman brought him a large glass of warm milk. He drank it slowly and asked, "How much do I owe you?"

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"You do not owe me anything," she smiled as she replied. Howard left that house feeling grateful.

Years later, that woman became critically ill but it seemed that the doctors from her town could not find a cure for her illness. **They** sent her to the city where more experienced doctors were called in to treat her. When one of the doctors heard the name of the woman and the town she came from, he went to see her immediately. He was determined to save her life. For many weeks, the doctor took great care of the woman and she was finally cured. Upon receiving the medical bill, she was fearful to take a look at it. She was sure it would take the rest of her life to pay it off. Finally, she looked at the bill and tears filled her eyes. The bill stated, "Paid in full with one glass of milk".

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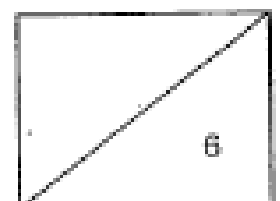
The doctor who treated her and waived the medical bill was Doctor Howard Kelly. After many years, he still remembered the woman who was kind to him when he was a hungry young boy.

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Source: <http://birthstory.net/tag/howard-a-kelly/>

40. State whether each sentence below is True or False.  
Give a reason for your answer. [6m]

| Sentence                                                                       | True/False | Reason                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| i) When the woman opened the door, Howard Kelly asked her for a glass of milk. |            | <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |
| ii) The town doctors were able to cure the woman's illness.                    |            | <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |
| iii) The woman was afraid to take a look at the medical bill.                  |            | <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |





41. Which word in paragraph three has the same meaning as 'seriously'? [1m]

42. What does the word "They" in line 10 refer to? [1m]

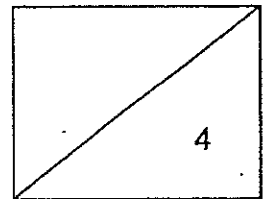
It refers to \_\_\_\_\_

For Question 43, write your answer in a complete sentence.

43. How did Doctor Howard Kelly show his gratitude to the woman? [2m]

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### PAPER 2

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| Q11  | Q12 | Q13 | Q14 | Q15 | Q16 | Q17 | Q18 | Q19   | Q20   |
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- Q23 take  
Q24 fined  
Q25 suffer  
Q26 sick  
Q27 paying  
Q28 trim  
Q29 responsible  
Q30 up  
Q31 (A)  
Q32 False.  
Q33 True.  
Q34 False.  
Q35 Mr Ang  
Q36 Mr Oh  
Q37 Mr Oh  
Q38 1,2,3  
Q39 onlookers, bus driver  
Q40 i) False. When the woman opened the door, Howard Kelly asked for a glass of water instead.  
ii) False. It was a doctor from the city who cured her illness.  
iii) True. The woman was sure it would take the rest of her life to pay it off.  
Q41 critically.  
Q42 the doctors from her town.  
Q43 He took care of the woman and waived her medical bills.

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PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)  
PRIMARY FOUR

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**For Q1-18, four options are given. Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).**

**Section A: Grammar MCQ (8 x 1 mark)**

1. The coffee was not sweet enough because too \_\_\_\_\_ sugar had been added to it.  
  - (1) few
  - (2) little
  - (3) many
  - (4) much
  
2. "Nobody \_\_\_\_\_ in the classroom. Where are the pupils?" the teacher roared.  
  - (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
  
3. During the project discussion yesterday, you \_\_\_\_\_ very helpful in giving me the information I needed.  
  - (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
  
4. There were very \_\_\_\_\_ pupils around in the school as it was the school holidays.  
  - (1) few
  - (2) less
  - (3) little
  - (4) many
  
5. Mark and I were very pleased with \_\_\_\_\_ for helping an old lady to cross the road.  
  - (1) myself
  - (2) himself
  - (3) ourselves
  - (4) themselves

6. The passengers were plunged into darkness as the bus \_\_\_\_\_ through an unlit tunnel.

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

7. "Whose wallet is \_\_\_\_\_?" the teacher asked while holding the wallet in her hand

- (1) this
- (2) that
- (3) these
- (4) those

8. As we \_\_\_\_\_ towards the canteen, it started to rain.

- (1) walk
- (2) will walk
- (3) have walked
- (4) were walking

**Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (6 x1 mark)**

9. The recent incident of theft is very \_\_\_\_\_ indeed. The detectives cannot find a single clue.

- (1) simple
- (2) obvious
- (3) puzzling
- (4) intelligible

10. "I witnessed the fight in the canteen. I can help \_\_\_\_\_ the bully," the young boy informed the teacher.

- (1) alert
- (2) arrest
- (3) detect
- (4) identify

11. Sarah shouted \_\_\_\_\_ for help as the fierce dog approached her.
- (1) wickedly
  - (2) blissfully
  - (3) thankfully
  - (4) desperately
12. This piece of music is a slight \_\_\_\_\_ of the original.
- (1) edition
  - (2) sample
  - (3) example
  - (4) variation
13. Charlotte was \_\_\_\_\_ when she failed her driving test for the third time and she decided to give up.
- (1) disfigured
  - (2) disinterested
  - (3) disheartened
  - (4) disadvantaged
14. John pinched his nose when he opened the rubbish bin as the \_\_\_\_\_ from its content was very intense.
- (1) aroma
  - (2) stench
  - (3) flavour
  - (4) fragrance

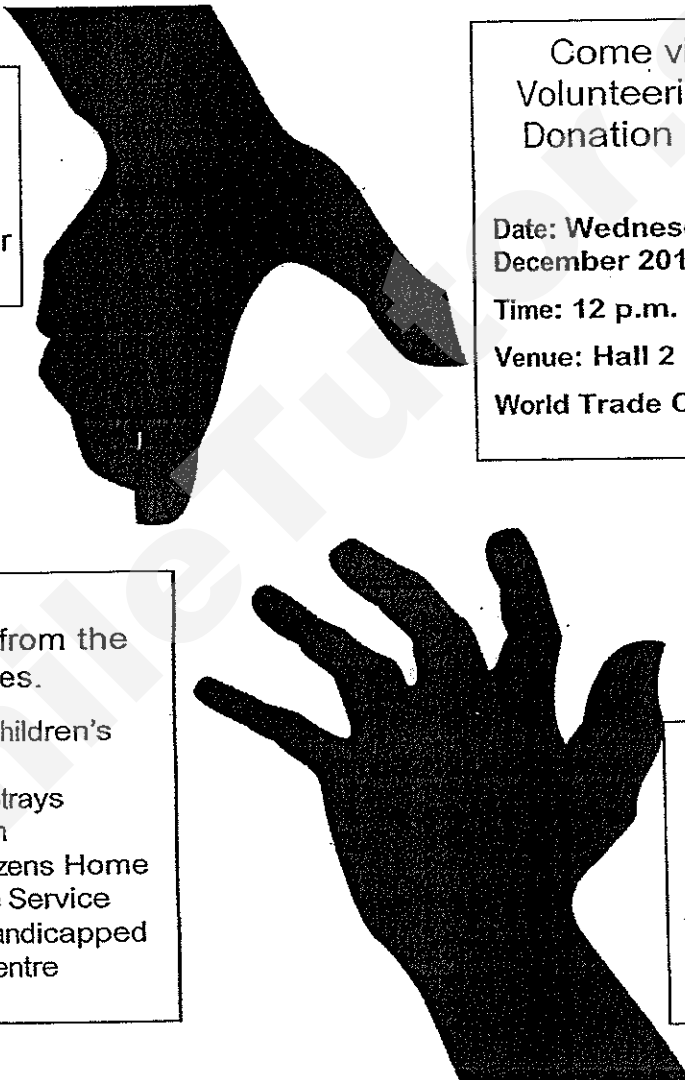


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**Section C: Visual Text Comprehension (4 x 1 mark)**

*Study the advertisement carefully and then answer the questions that follow.*

## Have you ever thought of giving a helping hand to others?



Learn about these agencies and hear ways you can make a difference in your community!

Come visit the 5<sup>th</sup> Volunteering Fair cum Donation Drive 2014!

Date: Wednesday, 17 December 2014

Time: 12 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Venue: Hall 2  
World Trade Centre

Come meet the representatives from the following agencies.

- Lion City Children's Home
- Save the Strays Association
- Senior Citizens Home Assistance Service
- Visually Handicapped Support Centre

Jointly organised by:

- National Volunteering Union
- Ministry of Social Services

**Ticketing Information:**

|                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| <u>General Public:</u> | <u>Students:</u> |
| S\$15                  | S\$10            |

Tickets will be available at the National Volunteering Union office from 1 November 2014. You may also purchase them through the website at [www.nvu.org](http://www.nvu.org) (Profits obtained from ticket sales will be donated to the participating agencies.)

For Q15-18, four options are given. Choose the most appropriate option and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

15. During the visit to the event, participants can \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) assist senior citizens at their homes
- (1) speak with the Minister of Social Services
- (2) visit the headquarter of National Volunteering Union
- (3) meet representatives from Save the Strays Association
- (4)

16. The purpose of the event is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) collect donations from the participating agencies
- (2) meet representatives from the Ministry of Social Services
- (3) inform people how they can help the National Volunteering Union
- (4) educate participants on how they can help the community

17. According to the advertisement, the profit earned from the sales of the tickets will be \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) kept by the organisers of the event
- (2) donated to the participating agencies
- (3) given to Lion City Children's Home only
- (4) used to pay for the cost of organising the event

18. Which one of the following statements is true?

- (1) There are two ways to purchase the tickets to the event.
- (2) Tickets can be purchased from Hall 2, World Trade Centre.
- (3) National Volunteering Union is the main sponsor of the event.
- (4) Volunteering Fair cum Donation Drive is being held for the first time.

~ End of Paper 2 (Booklet A) ~

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| 1.          | Oral                    | 16    |                   |
| 2.          | Listening Comprehension | 14    |                   |
| 3.          | Composition             | 20    |                   |
| 4.          | Language Paper          | 50    |                   |
| Total Marks |                         | 100   |                   |

## PART II

### Section D: Grammar Cloze

#### Cloze 1: Personal Pronouns (4 x 1 mark)

**Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.**

- |         |           |          |
|---------|-----------|----------|
| (A) you | (B) their | (C) her  |
| (D) its | (E) she   | (F) they |

Peter, Jane, and Sarah had been playing all morning. As it was lunchtime, (19) \_\_\_\_\_ felt hungry. They asked their mother whether lunch was ready, and she suggested, "Why don't (20) \_\_\_\_\_ have a picnic in the yard?"

When the children had spread out the picnic mat, they ran into the kitchen and asked if they could start the picnic. Without looking up, (21) \_\_\_\_\_ mother told them to take the food and plates out to the mat.

Without any hesitation, the children took these things out to the mat and arranged them carefully. Then they ran back to the kitchen and asked, "Mother, what else have you made so far?" With a wide grin, (22) \_\_\_\_\_ said, "I've prepared a bowl of jelly for your dessert!"

*Adapted from The Missing Picnic Food by Paula Moore*

**Cloze 2: Subject-Verb Agreement (4 x 1 mark)**

***Read the passage carefully. Circle the correct word from the words given in the brackets.***

Karate is a form of unarmed fighting. It originated in China, where fighting with bare hands (23) [ was / were ] practised as early as the 6<sup>th</sup> century. In 1609, the Japanese in Okinawa were forbidden to carry all kinds of weapons. Hence, Karate was introduced.

The father of modern Karate, Gichin Funakoshi, believes that Karate (24) [ begin / begins ] and ends with courtesy and there are no attacking moves in Karate.

Karate is a contact sports. Blows may land with considerable force, though not with full impact. Only light touches (25) [ is / are ] allowed to the head and face. An expert (26) [ break / breaks ] several thick planks of wood or bricks with one blow of his bare hand or foot.

Adapted from *kyokushinwla.com*

**Section E: Sentence Combining (4 x 1 mark)**

**Combine each pair of the sentences to make one sentence using the word(s) given. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the sentences given.**

*Example:* May is tall. May's sister is not tall.

May is tall but her sister is not.

27. Jack puts in effort in his studies. He will do well.

If \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

28. Jane did not take part in many competitions. Her parents were not supportive.

\_\_\_\_\_ as

\_\_\_\_\_

29. This is the bank. My sister works here.

\_\_\_\_\_ where

\_\_\_\_\_

30. My mother said, "I am not happy with what Mary did."

**My mother said that** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



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**Section F: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)**

*Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.*

"Dad, am I unique?" asked Jack.

"What do you mean?" his father queried, without looking up from the newspaper that he was reading.

"I want to be that unique person to invent the fastest computer or create the next upcoming social media website," replied Jack.

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Each of his friends had achieved certain accomplishments in their respective strengths and Jack felt envious of them. There was Jennifer who was top of the class in almost every subject. Raja was the fastest runner in the whole school. When it came to music, there was the petite but gifted Rayu who could play any tune you asked for melodiously on the piano.

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The most handsome boy in class was Mike and he had bright and large eyes. Jack did not want to be handsome like Mike but he wished he was taller and had big strong arms like Farhan.

"Jack, you need to appreciate what you have. You are healthy and smart," his father said, as if he knew what Jack was thinking. "You should treasure your gifts and use them to help others."

15

"Thanks, Dad. However, that's not what I meant. I want to be unique by doing something outstanding," Jack said as he left the room, still thinking what he could do to be less ordinary.

*Adapted from A Book of Compositions by Lau Man Yip*

For Q31-32, decide who did the following activities. Tick (✓) your chosen answer. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

| Activities described in the passage |                                 | Jack | Jack's father |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------|---------------|
| Example                             | Talking o his son               |      | ✓             |
| 31.                                 | feeling envious of his friends  |      |               |
| 32.                                 | thinking about what he could do |      |               |

33. Which word has the same meaning as 'small'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

When it came to music, there was the petite but gifted Rayu who could play  
(A) (B)  
any tune you asked for melodiously on the piano.

For Q34-35, tick (✓) whether the statements describe Jack or his father. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

| Statement |                               | Jack | Jack's father |
|-----------|-------------------------------|------|---------------|
| Example   | Mary was his classmate.       | ✓    |               |
| 34.       | He wished he was taller       |      |               |
| 35.       | He was reading the newspaper. |      |               |

36. What advice did Jack's father give him?

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37. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.  
Jack wanted to be less ordinary by \_\_\_\_\_. [1m]

|                          |                                                    |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | doing something outstanding                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | becoming handsome like Mike                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | treasuring his gifts and using them to help others |

38. Which word has the same meaning as 'achievements'? Circle either (A) or (B).  
[1m]

Each of his friends had achieved certain accomplishments in their respective  
(A)  
strengths and Jack felt envious of them.  
(B)

39. List two specific things that Jack thought of doing in order to be outstanding.

i. \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

ii. \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

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**Section G: Comprehension 2 (10 marks)**

***Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.***

Showers of fat water droplets bathed the shopping mall that Sunday evening. My family and I had just ended our scouting for Christmas gifts. We were heading for the car park.

I saw a few shoppers dashing out in the torrential downpour, with their hands over their heads. I wondered why it had to pour at that moment. 5

I was relieved that we did not have to depend on public transport. Soon, we were about to drive out of the shopping mall compound when I spotted a family of three elderly people. An old woman and her two mentally-challenged children, in their mid-fifties, stood near the entrance of the car park. The only umbrella they had offered little shelter from the rain so their clothes were wet thoroughly. 10

I looked at my father as I was overwhelmed with sympathy for them. He too had witnessed the situation. Father stopped the car in front of the trio. Mother got out of the car and invited the worried old lady. After hesitating for a second, she looked at her children. She then agreed gratefully with a smile. 15

The car seat became wet but we were not upset. My sister and I felt ill at ease as there was a lack of space in the car. We were almost squatting on the car floor and our stomachs were growling. However, we did not mind.

Finally, we arrived at the family's residence. Father pulled up his car at their apartment block. The shy old lady uttered thanks in a very low voice. To Father's amusement, she pulled out a ten-dollar note and asked how much the fare was. Declining it, Father accompanied the family to their lobby. 20

We should continue to help the less fortunate as the help given could mean more to them than to us who had extended it. 25

*Adapted from Always In Season by Singapore Kindness Movement*

For Q40, write 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the bracket provided.

40. What activity was the writer and his family doing on that Sunday evening?  
[1m]

- (1) They were shopping.
- (2) They were out for dinner.
- (3) They were delivering Christmas gifts.
- (4) They were attending a Christmas party.

( )

41. Write one word from the passage (paragraph 2) that shows the writer was giving some thought about the weather. [1m]

42. Base on the passage, put the events in the right sequence, according to the flow in the story. Write 1, 2 and 3 on the lines. [1m]

- \_\_\_\_\_ Father walked with the trio to the lobby.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Elderly lady thanked the writer's parents gratefully.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The children were squeezing at the back seat of the car

43. State whether each sentence below is **True** or **False**. Give a reason for your answer. [2m]

| Sentence                                                | True/False | Reason                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| i) There were sufficient seats in the car for everyone. |            | <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 15px;"></div> |
| ii) The elderly lady paid for the ride.                 |            | <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 15px;"></div> |

44. Based on the passage, match Column A with Column B correctly. [2m]

| <u>Column A</u> |   | <u>Column B</u>                          |
|-----------------|---|------------------------------------------|
| i) Elderly lady | • | • escorted the guest into the car        |
| ii) Mother      | • | • felt uncomfortable during the car ride |
| iii) Writer     | • | • drenched to the skin                   |

For Q 45-46, write your answer in complete sentences.

45. Which three-word phrase in paragraph 4 tells you that the writer felt sorry for the elderly lady and her children? [1m]

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46. What did the writer mean by saying "the help given would mean more to them than to us who had extended it"? [2m]

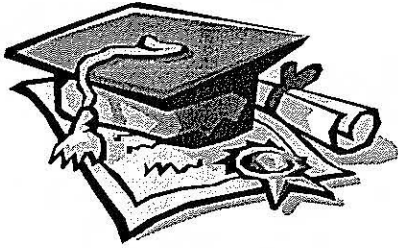
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Please check your work carefully.





# ANSWER SHEET

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|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Q18 | Q19 | Q20 | Q21 | Q22 |
| 1   | F   | A   | B   | E   |

23)was            24)begins            25)are            26)breaks

27)If Jack puts in effort in his studies, he will do well.

28)Jane did not take part in many competition as her parents were not supportive.

29)This is the bank where my sister works.

30)My mother said that she was not happy with what Mary had done.

31)Jack    32)Jack    33)A    34)Jack    35)Jack's father

36)Jack's father asked his son to appreciate what he have.

37)doing something outstanding

38)accomplishments

**39)i)Create the next upcoming social media website.**

**ii)Jack wanted to be that unique person to invent fastest computer or creat the next upcoming social media website.**

**40)1      41)wondering      42)3, 2, 1**

**43)False / The writer and his sister were almost spouting on the car floor.**

**False / The old lady pulled out a ten-dollar note and asked how much the fare was, but the writer's father declining it.**

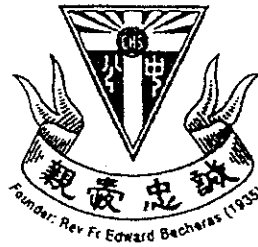
**44)i)drenched to the skin**

**ii)escorted the guest into the car**

**iii)felt uncomfortable during the car ride**

**45)The three word phase is, overwhelmed with sympathy.**

**46)The writer meant that their small kind act had benefited the less fortunate a lot more compared to them.**



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42 QUESTIONS

1 hour 15 minutes

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| Sections G-H  | / 20  |
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**Section A – Grammar MCQ (8 x 1 mark)**

Choose the correct answer and shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

1. Mr Ong told the boys to clean up their mess \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1) myself
  - 2) himself
  - 3) yourselves
  - 4) themselves
2. Dinah \_\_\_\_\_ upset when her brother tore her drawing yesterday.
- 1) is
  - 2) are
  - 3) was
  - 4) were
3. Harry and his brother \_\_\_\_\_ shocked when the principal called out their names sternly.
- 1) is
  - 2) are
  - 3) was
  - 4) were
4. "Look! The zookeeper \_\_\_\_\_ the elephants now," Linus shouted excitedly.
- (1) fed
  - (2) feeds
  - (3) is feeding
  - (4) was feeding
5. Last month, Ahmad \_\_\_\_\_ his birthday party at a chalet.
- 1) held
  - 2) holds
  - 3) has held
  - 4) was holding

6. As Devi \_\_\_\_\_ tired after a long day at work, she went to sleep.

- 1) feels
- 2) will feel
- 3) has felt
- 4) was feeling

7. \_\_\_\_\_ box of books here is to be given out to the pupils.

- 1) This
- 2) That
- 3) These
- 4) Those

8. The soup tasted bland as the chef had added too \_\_\_\_\_ water to it.

- 1) few
- 2) much
- 3) many
- 4) some

**Section B – Vocabulary MCQ (6 x 1 mark)**

**Choose the correct answer and shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.**

9. De Wei was \_\_\_\_\_ when he failed his English test so he started crying.

- 1) disgusted
- 2) distracted
- 3) disoriented
- 4) disappointed

10. My cousin is looking for a \_\_\_\_\_ dress to wear to the Christmas party.

- 1) lovable
- 2) reliable
- 3) likeable
- 4) suitable

11. Tears \_\_\_\_\_ down his face when he heard about the tragic accident.
- 1) flushed
  - 2) trickled
  - 3) flooded
  - 4) drowned
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ blew his whistle when the shuttlecock flew out of the court.
- 1) jockey
  - 2) caddie
  - 3) umpire
  - 4) invigilator
13. The stray cat \_\_\_\_\_ in pain as the veterinarian tried to remove a splinter from its paw.
- 1) winced
  - 2) trudged
  - 3) prowled
  - 4) scurried
14. Mr Wong did not panic but remained \_\_\_\_\_ when the fire alarm went off.
- (1) as fit as a fiddle
  - (2) as bold as brass
  - (3) as obstinate as a mule
  - (4) as cool as a cucumber

**Section C – Grammar Cloze (4 x 1 mark)**

Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word from the words given in the box and WRITE its letter (A to F) in each blank. Use each word ONCE only.

|           |         |         |
|-----------|---------|---------|
| (A) her   | (B) his | (C) our |
| (D) their | (E) we  | (F) you |

Mr Brown shook his head. All (15) \_\_\_\_\_ children gathered around him to hear what (16) \_\_\_\_\_ father had to say.

"I'm sorry to tell (17) \_\_\_\_\_, my children, that we have to move out of this house by tomorrow," Mr Brown began.

"I've just sold the house because (18) \_\_\_\_\_ have run out of money and cannot even afford to buy food." Everyone was so sad to hear that.

**Section D – Grammar Cloze (4 x 1 mark)**

Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

Andy and Alison visit their grandparents every Saturday. Their grandparents (19) [ dote / dotes ] on them. Their grandfather has a huge collection of books. Andy and Alison (20) [ enjoy / enjoys ] reading those books. Andy (21) [ love / loves ] reading mystery books. They feel sad when it (22) [ is / are ] time to leave. They cannot wait to visit their grandparents again.

**Section E – Comprehension Cloze (4 x 1 mark)**

Read the passage carefully. Fill in the blanks with the most suitable word of your own.

Sam and Jane were lost in the forest. Then, it started raining cats and dogs.

"I want to go home!" Sam (23) \_\_\_\_\_ uncontrollably.

To comfort him, Jane told him that they were going to be alright.

After walking (24) \_\_\_\_\_ ten minutes, they saw a farm. There was an old farmer sitting at the front porch of his house. Jane told him that they were lost and asked for (25) \_\_\_\_\_. He was very kind and walked them home.

When they finally reached home, they heaved a sigh of (26) \_\_\_\_\_. They were certainly more than happy to be home.

*Adapted from "The Discovery"*

**Section F – Sentence Synthesis and Transformation (2 x 2 marks)**

For each of the items, rewrite the given sentences using the word provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the given ones.

27. Bala does not like coffee. He also does not like tea.

\_\_\_\_\_ neither  
\_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_

28. Li Ting enjoys singing. She enjoys dancing more.

\_\_\_\_\_ prefers  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Section G – Comprehension – Selected Response and Open-ended (10 marks)**

**Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

Danny had two pets. He called them Cocoa and Whiskers. Cocoa was a brown fluffy hamster while Whiskers was a black cat.

One night, Cocoa was feeling extremely bored in his locked cage. He decided to exercise on his hamster wheel. He started running on his big hamster wheel. After a while, he stopped running and looked around his cage for something else to do. He ran over to his food bowl but found that it was empty. Suddenly, he had an idea. He squeezed himself through the bars of his cage. 5

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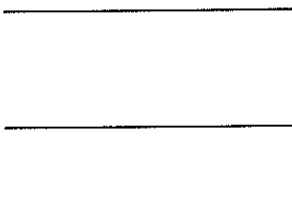
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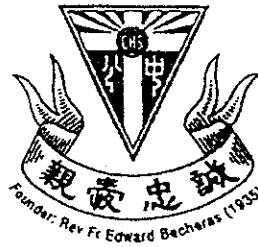
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**PAPER 2**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: Primary Four \_\_\_\_\_

28 October 2014

42 QUESTIONS

1 hour 15 minutes

| Component     | Marks |
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**Section A – Grammar MCQ (8 x 1 mark)**

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1. Mr Ong told the boys to clean up their mess \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1) myself
  - 2) himself
  - 3) yourselves
  - 4) themselves
2. Dinah \_\_\_\_\_ upset when her brother tore her drawing yesterday.
- 1) is
  - 2) are
  - 3) was
  - 4) were
3. Harry and his brother \_\_\_\_\_ shocked when the principal called out their names sternly.
- 1) is
  - 2) are
  - 3) was
  - 4) were
4. "Look! The zookeeper \_\_\_\_\_ the elephants now," Linus shouted excitedly.
- (1) fed
  - (2) feeds
  - (3) is feeding
  - (4) was feeding
5. Last month, Ahmad \_\_\_\_\_ his birthday party at a chalet.
- 1) held
  - 2) holds
  - 3) has held
  - 4) was holding

6. As Devi \_\_\_\_\_ tired after a long day at work, she went to sleep.

- 1) feels
- 2) will feel
- 3) has felt
- 4) was feeling

7. \_\_\_\_\_ box of books here is to be given out to the pupils.

- 1) This
- 2) That
- 3) These
- 4) Those

8. The soup tasted bland as the chef had added too \_\_\_\_\_ water to it.

- 1) few
- 2) much
- 3) many
- 4) some

**Section B – Vocabulary MCQ (6 x 1 mark)**

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9. De Wei was \_\_\_\_\_ when he failed his English test so he started crying.

- 1) disgusted
- 2) distracted
- 3) disoriented
- 4) disappointed

10. My cousin is looking for a \_\_\_\_\_ dress to wear to the Christmas party.

- 1) lovable
- 2) reliable
- 3) likeable
- 4) suitable

11. Tears \_\_\_\_\_ down his face when he heard about the tragic accident.
- 1) flushed
  - 2) trickled
  - 3) flooded
  - 4) drowned
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ blew his whistle when the shuttlecock flew out of the court.
- 1) jockey
  - 2) caddie
  - 3) umpire
  - 4) invigilator
13. The stray cat \_\_\_\_\_ in pain as the veterinarian tried to remove a splinter from its paw.
- 1) winced
  - 2) trudged
  - 3) prowled
  - 4) scurried
14. Mr Wong did not panic but remained \_\_\_\_\_ when the fire alarm went off.
- (1) as fit as a fiddle
  - (2) as bold as brass
  - (3) as obstinate as a mule
  - (4) as cool as a cucumber

**Section C – Grammar Cloze (4 x 1 mark)**

Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word from the words given in the box and WRITE its letter (A to F) in each blank. Use each word ONCE only.

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| (A) her   | (B) his | (C) our |
| (D) their | (E) we  | (F) you |

Mr Brown shook his head. All (15) \_\_\_\_\_ children gathered around him to hear what (16) \_\_\_\_\_ father had to say.

"I'm sorry to tell (17) \_\_\_\_\_, my children, that we have to move out of this house by tomorrow," Mr Brown began.

"I've just sold the house because (18) \_\_\_\_\_ have run out of money and cannot even afford to buy food." Everyone was so sad to hear that.

**Section D – Grammar Cloze (4 x 1 mark)**

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Andy and Alison visit their grandparents every Saturday. Their grandparents (19) [ dote / dotes ] on them. Their grandfather has a huge collection of books. Andy and Alison (20) [ enjoy / enjoys ] reading those books. Andy (21) [ love / loves ] reading mystery books. They feel sad when it (22) [ is / are ] time to leave. They cannot wait to visit their grandparents again.

**Section E – Comprehension Cloze (4 x 1 mark)**

Read the passage carefully. Fill in the blanks with the most suitable word of your own.

Sam and Jane were lost in the forest. Then, it started raining cats and dogs.

"I want to go home!" Sam (23) \_\_\_\_\_ uncontrollably.

To comfort him, Jane told him that they were going to be alright.

After walking (24) \_\_\_\_\_ ten minutes, they saw a farm. There was an old farmer sitting at the front porch of his house. Jane told him that they were lost and asked for (25) \_\_\_\_\_. He was very kind and walked them home.

When they finally reached home, they heaved a sigh of (26) \_\_\_\_\_. They were certainly more than happy to be home.

*Adapted from "The Discovery"*

**Section F – Sentence Synthesis and Transformation (2 x 2 marks)**

For each of the items, rewrite the given sentences using the word provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the given ones.

27. Bala does not like coffee. He also does not like tea.

\_\_\_\_\_ neither  
\_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_

28. Li Ting enjoys singing. She enjoys dancing more.

\_\_\_\_\_ prefers  
\_\_\_\_\_

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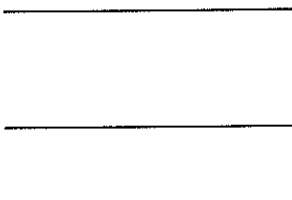
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## CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 4

Semestral Assessment 2

27 October 2014

English Language

Listening Comprehension

Duration of Paper: 25 minutes

10 questions

14 marks

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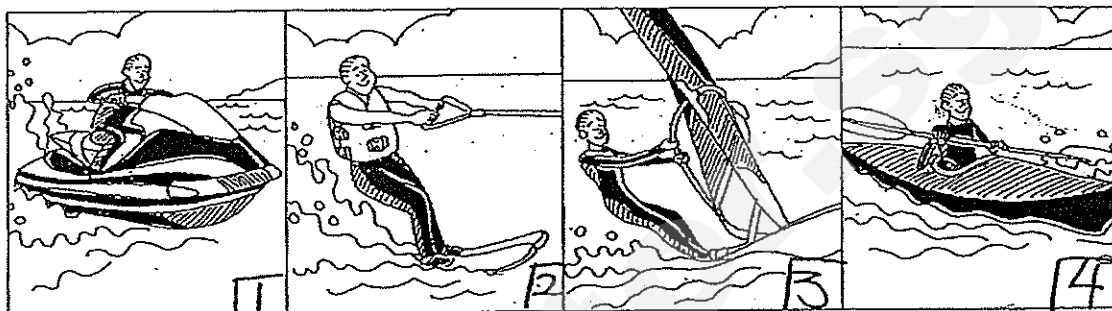
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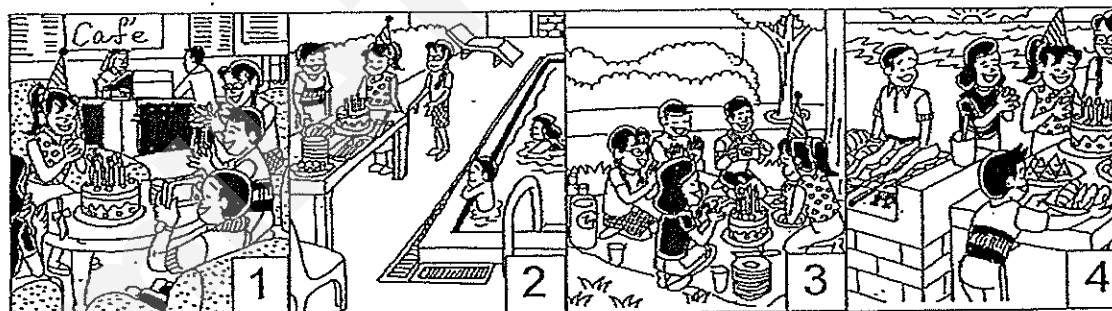
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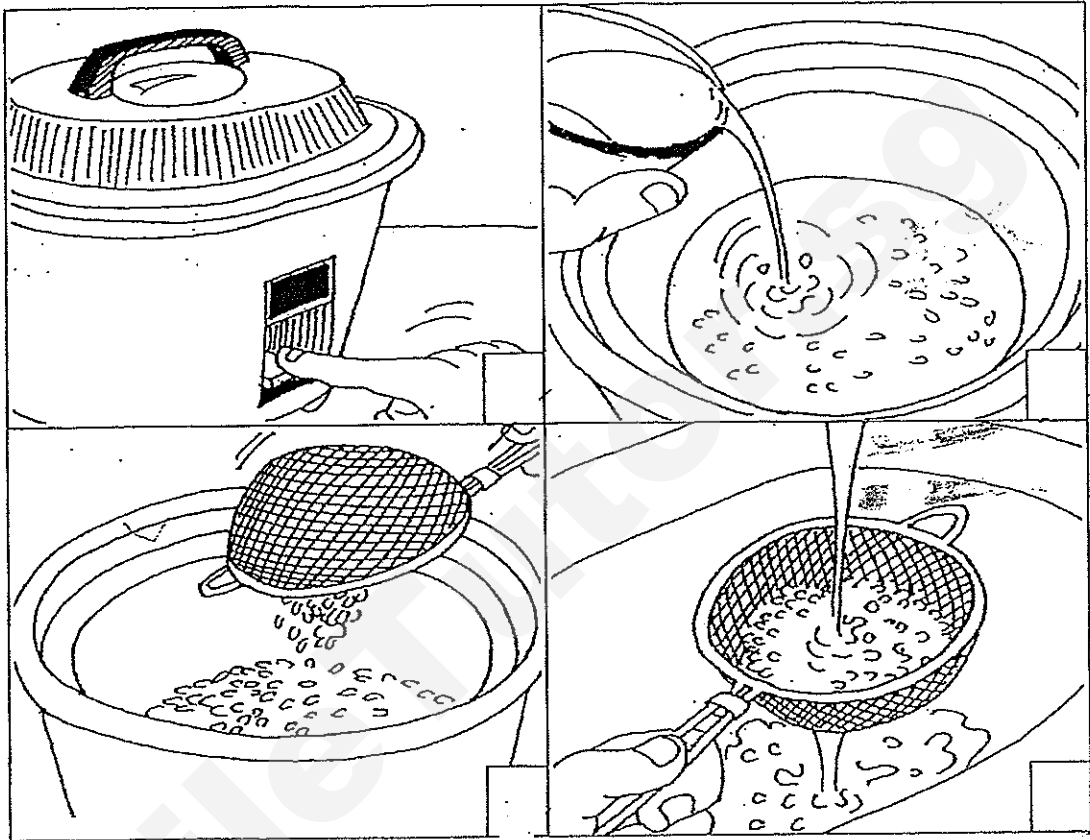


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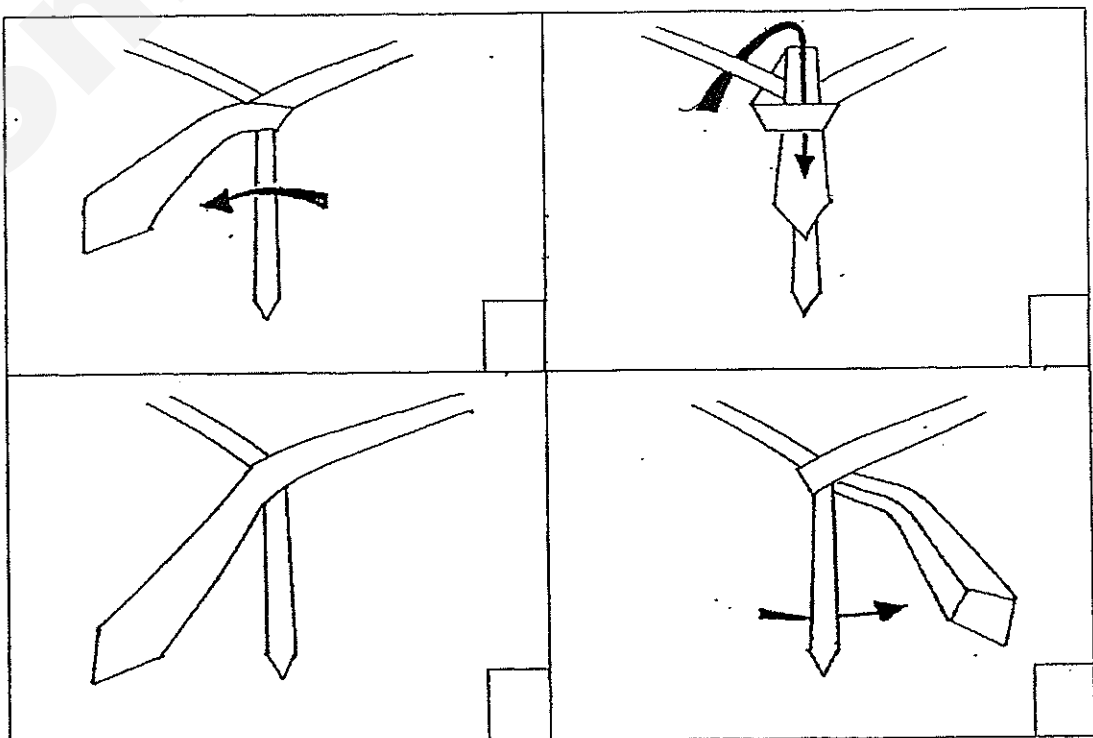


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Q3.



Q4.



**Section B: Note-taking (5 marks)**

Q5 to Q9 is a note-taking test.

As you listen, take down the missing information by filling in each blank numbered Q5 to Q9 with **one word or a short phrase**.

Q5. Name of country Pulau Ubin belongs to: \_\_\_\_\_

Q6. Size of Sentosa: \_\_\_\_\_ hectares

Q7. Distance between Singapore and Kusu Island : \_\_\_\_\_ km

Q8. The meaning of 'Kusu': \_\_\_\_\_

Q9. Number of men saved from drowning: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section C: Comprehension (3 marks)**

Q10 to Q12 is a comprehension test.

Listen carefully to the passage and answer the questions that follow. For each question, choose the correct answer and write the correct number in the brackets provided.

**Q10. What is the name for assistance animals that help the physically disabled?** (      )

- (1) guide animals
- (2) hearing animals
- (3) service animals

**Q11. Which is the most commonly used assistance animal?** (      )

- (1) the dog
- (2) the horse
- (3) the monkey

**Q12. The main purpose for training assistance animals is to** (      )

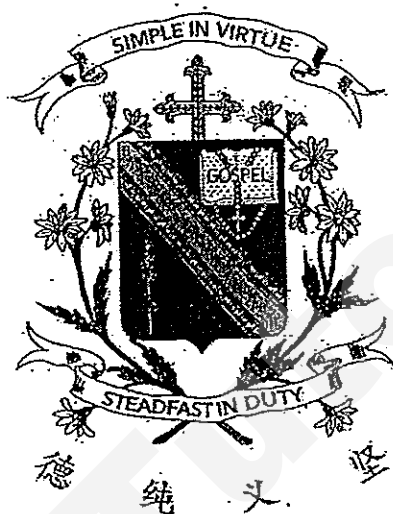
- (1) encourage animals to be independent
- (2) allow the disabled person to lead a fuller life
- (3) make the Assistance Animal Programme popular

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## CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 4

Semestral Assessment 2

27 October 2014

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet A

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 30 min

16 questions

16 marks

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**Section A: Grammar MCQ (8 x 1mark)**

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1. My teacher told John and me to build the model \_\_\_\_\_
  - (1) myself
  - (2) himself
  - (3) ourselves
  - (4) themselves
  
2. While walking home yesterday, my sister and I \_\_\_\_\_ surprised to find a stray cat along the road.
  - (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
  
3. Lily \_\_\_\_\_ so happy to find her mobile phone which had been misplaced for days.
  - (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
  
4. "We \_\_\_\_\_ a game of tennis. Do you wish to join us?" I asked my sister.
  - (1) have played
  - (2) are playing
  - (3) plays
  - (4) play

5. Two days ago, we \_\_\_\_\_ Mason's birthday party held at a nearby community club.
- (1) attend
  - (2) attended
  - (3) was attending
  - (4) have attended
6. While Jane \_\_\_\_\_ to the librarian, it began to rain heavily.
- (1) speak
  - (2) will speak
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7. \_\_\_\_\_ girls standing in that corner of the canteen are performing in the concert.
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  - (2) That
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  - (4) Those
8. Mary took a long time to get home as there were \_\_\_\_\_ people at the bus station.
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**Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (6 x 1 mark)**

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9. The group of pupils completed the school project early as everyone was very \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) supportive
  - (2) concerned
  - (3) cooperative
  - (4) sympathetic
10. The runners need \_\_\_\_\_ to shorten the time needed to complete the race.
- (1) action
  - (2) practice
  - (3) repetition
  - (4) rehearsals
11. As the painting was \_\_\_\_\_ slightly by the rain, it was sold at a lower price.
- (1) injured
  - (2) harmed
  - (3) impaired
  - (4) damaged
12. The thief who stole the necklace has \_\_\_\_\_ in the crowded shopping mall.
- (1) lost
  - (2) faded
  - (3) departed
  - (4) disappeared

13. After all the races were completed, the competitors waited eagerly for the judges to \_\_\_\_\_ the list of winners.

- (1) inform
- (2) proclaim
- (3) announce
- (4) disseminate

14. The overweight man took the doctor's \_\_\_\_\_ and stopped consuming unhealthy food.

- (1) notice
- (2) record
- (3) advice
- (4) opinion



**Section C: Visual Text Comprehension MCQ (2 x 1 mark)**

Study the advertisement carefully and answer questions 15 and 16.

# The Muffins and Coffee Place

**Re-Opening on 1 December 2014**  
**After four months of renovation, we are back!**

Everyone's favourite dessert café is back with a fresh new look and a selection of irresistible desserts to match.



**NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR MENU**

- Flourless chocolate muffin
- Sugar-free oatmeal-raisin muffin
- Apple strudel with French vanilla ice cream

Special desserts  
available on  
Christmas Day

**INTRODUCING OUR NEW...**

***FAMILY TREAT***

2 Fruity Muffins  
2 Cheese Muffins  
2 Cups of Coffee / Tea  
2 Packets of Apple Juice

***at only \$19.90!***



We are open from Tuesdays to  
Sundays from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.

Address: 1 Drury Lane, Singapore  
Tel: 65432109  
Email: [muffins@muffinman.com](mailto:muffins@muffinman.com)

We can deliver to your doorsteps  
if you order online at our website.



Like us on 'facebook' and  
receive a free drink with  
every purchase of a  
muffin.

**\*\*As part of our second anniversary celebrations, the first 10 customers every day for the month of December will get a complimentary dessert from the Fruity Delight section.**

Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

15. Special desserts will be available

- (1) for the first 10 customers each day
- (2) as part of the Family Treat
- (3) from 1 December 2014
- (4) on Christmas Day only

16. Which one of the following statements is true?

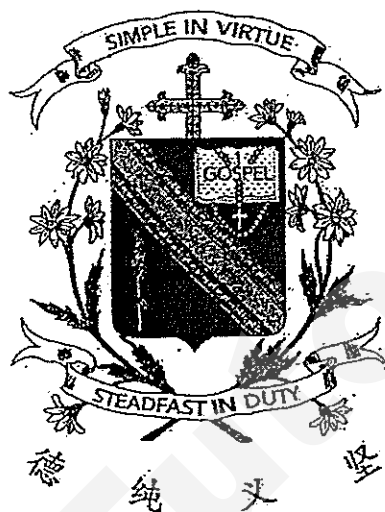
- (1) The Muffins and Coffee Place is open daily.
- (2) The Muffins and Coffee Place is not a new cafe
- (3) You may call the café to arrange for a home delivery.
- (4) A free drink will be given with every purchase of a muffin.

**END OF BOOKLET A**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Class : Primary 4 \_\_\_\_\_

## CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 4

Semestral Assessment 2

27 October 2014

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet B

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 30 min

28 questions

34 marks

**Instructions to Candidates:**

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

|           |    |
|-----------|----|
| Booklet A | 16 |
| Booklet B | 34 |
| Total     | 50 |

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*This booklet consists of 11 printed pages and 1 blank page.*

**Section D: Grammar Cloze [1] (4 x 1 mark)**

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the most suitable answer from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. Use each word only once.

|         |         |           |
|---------|---------|-----------|
| (A) he  | (C) I   | (E) their |
| (B) him | (D) she | (F) them  |

Between noon and 1 pm daily, Mr Tan rides his bicycle around Bedok, delivering food to eleven needy residents.

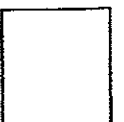
Mr Tan usually drops off the food at their doorsteps. All of (17) \_\_\_\_\_ live in one-room flats.

One of the elderly residents is Mdm Lau, a retired cleaner, who has trouble moving around.

"I am very grateful to Mr Tan. If not for him, (18) \_\_\_\_\_ would just eat instant noodles at home. No one visits me except for (19) \_\_\_\_\_ and a few social workers," said Mdm Lau.

Mr Tan often misses his own lunch to ensure that Mdm Lau and the other needy people get (20) \_\_\_\_\_ lunch. To make up for skipping lunch, he has a heavy breakfast and an afternoon tea break.

*Adapted from 'Lunch Delivery to the Needy' from The Straits Times, Dec 24, 2013*



**Section E: Grammar Cloze [2] (4 x 1 mark)**

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the most suitable answer from the words given in the brackets and **write** your answer in each blank.

Andrew is a scuba diving instructor. He (21) \_\_\_\_\_ [ has / have ] taught many children to scuba dive. He particularly (22) \_\_\_\_\_ [ like / likes ] teaching children because they are fast learners and are not afraid of water. He helps them learn the specific skills they (23) \_\_\_\_\_ [ has / have ] to pick up in order to be confident divers. Sometimes, there (24) \_\_\_\_\_ [ is / are ] many children in a class. In such instances, he will organise scuba diving camps for them during the school holidays.

*Adapted from 'The Ocean is your Oyster' by Sol Foo*



**Section F: Synthesis and Transformation (2 X 1 mark)**

Rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in **one sentence**. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

25. Tom is not ready for the performance. John is not ready for the performance.

Neither \_\_\_\_\_

nor \_\_\_\_\_

26. The tourist was complaining to the receptionist about his bag. The bag was damaged by the porter.

\_\_\_\_\_ whose \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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**Section G: Comprehension Cloze (4 x 1 mark)**

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

A tsunami is a series of ocean waves that sends surges of water onto land. These walls of water can (27) \_\_\_\_\_ widespread destruction when they crash ashore.

In deep oceans, tsunami waves may only be half a metre high. However, as they approach the shoreline, they slow (28) \_\_\_\_\_ and begin to grow in energy and height. These waves can reach heights of over 30 metres.

A tsunami's trough, the lower part of the wave, often (29) \_\_\_\_\_ the shore first. When it does, it produces a vacuum effect that sucks the coastal water seaward and exposes the seabed. This retreating of sea water is an important warning sign of a tsunami. Recognising this phenomenon can save lives.

A tsunami is highly (30) \_\_\_\_\_ as it is capable of destroying anything in its path. People experiencing a tsunami should remember that the danger may not have passed with the first wave. They should wait for announcements that it is safe to return to lower lands.

The best defence against any tsunami is early warning that allows people to seek higher ground.

*Adapted from 'Tsunamis: Killer Waves' at <http://environment.nationalgeographic.com>*



### Section H: Comprehension [1] (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 31 to 39.

Cassowaries are large, flightless birds. An adult male can reach 1.8 metres in height and may weigh more than 50 kilogrammes. Adult females are even more massive. Unlike a male, the female's foot stretches beyond 210 millimetres.

The males look after the chicks. If you get close to one with young chicks, he may charge at you to protect them. If you try to feed a cassowary, it can become aggressive and demanding. However, when left to themselves, cassowaries are harmless. 5

Bertha, a male cassowary, and his three chicks strut around. Occasionally, he tucks his head down, inflates his neck and makes low booming noises. This causes the chicks to cuddle up to him when he sits down.

Bertha's chicks have different temperaments. Tidi is adventurous and likes to wander off. Bertha constantly booms to remind it to stay close. A timid chick, Kopipi, often seeks its father's attention. Frequently, they touch the tips of their bills together. The chicks also pick ticks off their father's neck and eat them. 10

Bertha and his chicks feast mainly on fruit. Sometimes, they stop under the nest of an eagle in a nearby tree to see if food - a dead lizard or a snake - has been dropped. As cassowaries wander through the forest, they spread seeds through their fruit-scented droppings. 15

*Adapted from 'Big Bird' by Olivia Judson*



For Q31 – Q32, match the characteristics to the correct gender. Tick (✓) your chosen answer. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

|         | Characteristics                         | Male Cassowaries | Female Cassowaries |
|---------|-----------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Example | have feet longer than 210 millimetres   |                  | ✓                  |
| Q31     | charge at humans to protect their young |                  |                    |
| Q32     | are bigger in size                      |                  |                    |

Q33. Which word has the same meaning as 'threatening'? Circle either (A) or (B) [1m]

|                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <p>If you try to feed a cassowary, it can become <u>aggressive</u> and <u>demanding</u>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(A)                      (B)</p> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

For Q34 – 35, match the statements to the correct chick. You should refer to paragraph 4. Tick (✓) your chosen answer. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

|         | Statements                                     | Tidi | Kopipi |
|---------|------------------------------------------------|------|--------|
| Example | It is timid                                    |      | ✓      |
| Q34     | It needs more attention from Bertha.           |      |        |
| Q35     | It needs constant reminders not to wander off. |      |        |

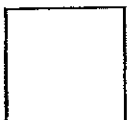
Q36. Other than fruit, name one other food that Bertha, Tidi and Kopipi eat.  
[ Write your answer using a complete sentence / complete sentences. ] [1m]

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Q37. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

By eating fruit, cassowaries help the forest by \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

|                          |                                     |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | wandering through it                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | producing fruit-scented droppings   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | spreading the seeds of fruit around |



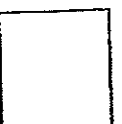
Q38. Which word has the same meaning as 'expands'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

Occasionally, he tucks his head down, inflates his neck and makes low booming noises.  
(A) (B)

Q39. State two ways Bertha and his chicks show care for one another.  
[ Write your answers using complete sentences. ] [2m]

i) \_\_\_\_\_

ii) \_\_\_\_\_



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### Section I: Comprehension [2] (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 40 to 44.

Min had been trotting along the road on his early morning visit to the village rubbish heaps. Ahead of him, a man carried a backpack made of branches. On the backpack was a large woven straw box, the kind commonly used to carry rice.

Min recalled fondly the last time he enjoyed the taste of rice months back. Just looking at the straw box made his mouth water.

The man had paused on the road and hoisted the backpack higher on his back. As Min stared, rice began to trickle out of a hole in the straw box. The trickle thickened and became a stream. Oblivious, the man continued on his way.

"Tell him quickly! No, don't tell him – you will be able to pick up the fallen grains. Min's thoughts wrestled with one another for a few short moments.

Min made up his mind. He waited until the man had reached the bend in the road before he ran towards him.

"Sir," Min said, panting and bowing. "As I walked behind you, I noticed that you were marking your path with rice!"

The farmer turned and saw the trail of rice. He scratched his head and laughed.

"I should have made the box with a double wall but it would have taken more time. Now I pay for not waiting a bit longer." He prodded the straw to close the gap but to no avail, so he threw his arms up in despair.

"Fetch me a few leaves, boy," said the farmer. Min complied and the man stuffed them into the box as a temporary patch.

The farmer squatted to put on the backpack. As he started walking, he called over his shoulder. "Good deserves good, boy. The rice on the ground is yours if you bother to gather it."

"Many thanks, kind sir!" cried Min, bowing and feeling very pleased with himself. He had made a lucky guess. His waist pouch would soon be filled with rice.

*Adapted from 'A Single Shard' by Linda Sue Park*

For Q40, write 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets.

40. The man in the story is a \_\_\_\_\_ [2m]

- (1) backpack maker
- (2) rubbish collector
- (3) rice farmer
- (4) cook

(       )

41. State whether each sentence below is **True** or **False**. Give a reason for your answer. [2m]  
[ Write your reasons using complete sentences. ]

| Sentence                                                                                     | True / False | Reason      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| (a) Min had not eaten rice for a long period of time.                                        |              | <hr/> <hr/> |
| (b) The man first found out that the rice box was leaking when he saw the rice on the floor. |              | <hr/> <hr/> |

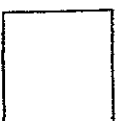
42. Refer to lines 15 – 20. Which six-word phrase suggests that the man had given up hope? [2m]

43. How did the man stop the rice grains from trickling out of the box? [2m]  
[ Write your answer using a complete sentence / complete sentences. ]

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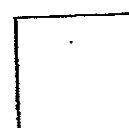
44. What had Min guessed correctly (lines 23-24)? [2m]

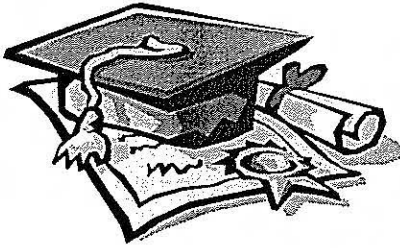
[ Write your answer using a complete sentence / complete sentences. ]

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# ANSWER SHEET

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| Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q5 | Q6 | Q7 | Q8 | Q9 | Q10 | Q11 | Q12 | Q13 | Q14 | Q15 | Q16 | Q17 |
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| Q18 | Q19 | Q20 |
| C   | B   | E   |

21)has      22)likes      23)have      24)are

25)Neither Tom nor John is ready for the performance.

26)The tourist whose bag was damaged by the porter, is complaining to the receptionist.

27)cause      28)down      29)reaches      30)dangerous      31)Male

32)Female      33)A      34)Kopipi      35)Tidi

36)Bertha, Tidi and Kopipi also eat dead lizards that drop from an eagles nest.

37)Spreading the seeds of fruit around

38)B

39)i)They touch the tips of their bills together.

ii)The chicks pick ticks off their father's neck and eat them.

40)3

41)a)True / Min recalled fondly the last time he enjoyed the taste of rice months back.

b)False / Min informed the man that rice grains were leaking form his rice box.

42)threw his arms up in despair

43)The man put leaves into the box also temporary patch to stop the rice from tricking out of the box.

44)The man would not want to pick up the fallen grains and min could pick up the grains for himself.