2018

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Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 - 2018

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY 4

Name : _____ ( )

Class : P 4 . ( ) **Date : 8 May 2018**

BOOKLET A

15 Questions

15 Marks

Total Time For Booklet A and B : 1 hour 15 minutes

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Part 1: Vocabulary (6 marks)

Choose the most suitable option and shade the correct oval in the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. Li Ming swam like a _____ at the Swimming Competition yesterday.

   (1) fish
   (2) stone
   (3) butterfly
   (4) cucumber

2. I looked under Ronald's table and found a _____ of playing cards.

   (1) litter
   (2) herd
   (3) pack
   (4) flock

3. Tom and Jack had not spoken to each other for a year. They finally decided to _____ and be friends again.

   (1) bury the hatchet
   (2) hit below the belt
   (3) throw in the towel
   (4) make both ends meet

4. Rick demonstrated _____ during the match as he did not give up even though his opponent was stronger than him.

   (1) despair
   (2) humility
   (3) collaboration
   (4) perseverance

5. All the hotel rooms are fully booked. Mary could not find a _____ room in any hotel.

   (1) vacant
   (2) common
   (3) attractive
   (4) luxurious

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6. "Don't worry about him. He's sustained a _____ injury. He'll recover in no time," said the doctor.

(1) minor
(2) major
(3) serious
(4) complicated

Part 2: Grammar (8 marks)

Choose the most suitable option and shade the correct oval in the Optical Answer Sheet.

7. "Are you aware that the Ministry of Education _____ offering a new music programme from today?" asked Mother.

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

8. My younger brother knew he was lost _____ he would not have asked for directions.

(1) until
(2) unless
(3) although
(4) otherwise

9. _____ the three plants, mine grew the tallest.

(1) In
(2) Within
(3) Among
(4) Between

10. "What's your name? _____ is Judith," I introduced myself.

(1) I
(2) Me
(3) My
(4) Mine

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11. "You have been studying hard for your test, _____ you?" Miss Tan asked John.

(1) did
(2) have
(3) didn't
(4) haven't

12. Martin, _____ dog was hurt in the accident, had been crying for days.

(1) who
(2) which
(3) whom
(4) whose

13. Both Bill and Bob _____ given the Most Improved Pupil Award last week.

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

14. "Children, please behave _____ during our excursion to the National Gallery later today," instructed the teacher.

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

Part 3: Punctuation (1 mark)

Choose the most suitable option and shade the correct oval in the Optical Answer Sheet.

15. "Have you been revising your work, John [ ]" asked Mother.

(1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark

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Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 - 2018

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY 4

Name : _____ **(** **)**

Class : P 4 . (**)** **Date : 8 May 2018**

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BOOKLET B

Total Time For Booklets A and B : 1 hour 15 minutes

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Booklet	Component	Possible Marks	Marks Obtained
A	-	15	
B	Grammar Cloze 1	4	
	Grammar Cloze 2	4	
	Editing for Spelling & Grammar	3	
	Synthesis and Transformation	4	
	Comprehension 1	10	
	Comprehension 2	10	
	Total	35	

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Grammar Cloze 1 (4 marks)

There are 4 blanks, numbered 16 to 19, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to F) in the blank.

A his	**C** they	**E** them
B our	**D** their	**F** us

One day, a family of four climbed up a hill for a picnic. Soon, (16)_____ were lying on their backs and munching on their food under the blue sky.

Suddenly, the ground shook and a crack appeared in the ground.

The crack grew. It widened and lengthened and ran between (17)_____. They watched helplessly as (18)_____ food and tablecloth folded and disappeared into the crack. Then an enormous iron hand came up through the crack. It nearly touched the little boy. The boy rolled over backwards and (19)_____ mother screamed. "Run to the car!" shouted the father.

Adapted from 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes

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Grammar Cloze 2 (4 marks)

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

Pufferfish can inflate into a ball shape to evade predators. These clumsy swimmers (20) [fill / fills] their elastic stomachs with huge amounts of water (and sometimes air) and blow themselves up to several times their normal size.

Some species also (21) [has / have] spines on their skin to ward off predators. Even if a predator (22) [gobble / gobbles] up a puffer before it inflates, it would not enjoy the snack. Most pufferfish contain a toxic substance that makes them foul tasting and potentially deadly to other fish. The toxin (23) [is / are] deadly to humans. There is enough poison in one pufferfish to kill 30 adult humans, and there is no known antidote.

Adapted from National Geographic Kids

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Editing for Spelling and Grammar (3 marks)

Read the passage carefully. The words with spelling errors are in **bold** and the words with grammatical errors are underlined. Write the correct spelling or form of word in each box.

Recipe for Ice Lollies

Ingredients

2 bananas

65g butter

60ml coconut milk

(24) [ ]

2 tablespoon **chokolate** powder

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Method

1. Put all ingredients in a food processor.

(25) [ ]

2. Blend the ingredients till the mixture are smooth.

3. Pour the mixture into the ice block moulds.

(26) [ ]

4. Adds one stick to each mould.

5. Freeze the mixture.

Adapted from www.kidspot.com.au/kitchen/recipes

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Synthesis & Transformation (4 marks)

For each of the questions below, 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 given sentence(s).

27 Bill went to play soccer. He completed his homework.

_____ after

_____.

28 Tom trained hard. He wanted to get a place in the national team.

_____ in order to

_____.

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Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

One cold night, Tess heard her parents talking about her little brother, Andrew. He was very sick and their father did not have enough money to send Andrew for an operation. She heard their mother say, "Only a miracle can cure him now!"

Tess went to her bedroom, emptied her savings from her piggy bank, and walked swiftly to the pharmacy across the street.

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

"I need a miracle that will save my brother," Tess answered, "he is very sick and my parents say 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 replied sadly.

A well-dressed man, who had overheard this, asked Tess, "How much are you willing to pay for this miracle, little girl?" Tess looked down at her hands, which contained only 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."

Dr. Armstrong, the well-dressed man, who was a surgeon, operated on Tess' brother and soon, Andrew was well. Dr Armstrong did not charge her parents a cent, and they could not thank him enough.

"I wonder how much the surgery would have cost us," Tess heard her mother say to her father that day.

Tess smiled to herself. She knew she had helped save her brother's life, with a miracle.

Adapted from The Price of a Miracle

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WRITE YOUR ANSWERS IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

29 Why did Tess' mother say that only a miracle could cure her little brother? [2m]

30 What did Tess want to buy from the pharmacy? [2m]

31 What does the word "here" in line 10 refer to? [2m]

32 Which word in paragraph six tells us that Andrew was healthy after the surgery? [2m]

33 Why were Tess' parents grateful to Dr Armstrong? [2m]

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Comprehension 2 (10 marks)

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow it.

Have you ever heard the sound of a hummingbird? They make a buzzing noise when they fly. They make this noise when they beat their wings fast. Hummingbirds can beat their wings up to 80 times a second. All that beating makes a lot of noise, which gives them their name - hummingbirds.

Hummingbirds fly in a unique way. They move their wings so rapidly that they can hover. They can even hover or fly upside down. Hummingbirds are also the only birds that fly backwards.

Among the more than 9,000 species of birds in the world, the bee hummingbird is the smallest. They are just a little larger than bees and weigh less than a coin. Bee hummingbirds build tiny nests for their eggs. They use cobwebs, twigs and bits of tree bark, which they weave to build their nests. In some countries, people have found these tiny nests filled with pea-sized eggs on their clothes pegs!

Hummingbirds move fast. This means that they need to eat a lot. Their favourite food is nectar, a sweet liquid found in flowers. Hummingbirds consume more nectar daily than their own weight! They have to visit hundreds of flowers each day to get enough nectar to sustain themselves. Some of the nectar is conserved as energy in their bodies, to survive through the night.

Unlike other long-beaked birds, hummingbirds do not use their long beaks as straws to suck food into their mouths. They have a tongue just like us, which they use for eating. They flick their tongues in and out of their mouths while feeding on nectar.

Although small, they are able to adapt and survive among predators in their habitat.

Adapted from Hummingbird Facts

Sub-Total: [ ]

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According to paragraphs 1 to 3 only, which **two statements** clearly describes a hummingbird. **Tick (√) your two chosen answers**. An example has been done for you. [2m]

Characteristics from paragraph 1-3		Hummingbirds
Example	One of the smallest birds in the world	✓
34	Can fly backwards	
	Eats nectar	
	Has a long tongue	
	Uses only tree bark to build its nests	

35 Which word has the same meaning as 'fast' in **paragraph two**? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

They move their wings so rapidly (A) that they can hover. (B)

For Q36 to Q38, read each statement and tick √ "True" or "False". Refer to the passage to help you. An example has been done for you. [3m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	Hummingbirds have wings that flap up to 80 times a second.	✓	
36	Bee hummingbirds live in tiny nests.		
37	Hummingbirds eat nectar to survive through the night.		
38	The hummingbirds flick their tongues while they feed on nectar.		

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39 Based on the passage, arrange the following sentences in the correct sequence. Write 1, 2 and 3 to indicate the sequence in the blanks below. [3m]

_____Hummingbirds collect cobweb and tree bark.

_____Hummingbirds lay their eggs.

_____Hummingbirds weave together materials.

40. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

From the last sentence, we can conclude that hummingbirds are _____. [1m]

	idle
	resilient
	beautiful

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ANSWER KEY

YEAR : 2018
LEVEL : PRIMARY 4
SCHOOL : ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (JUNIOR)
SUBJECT : ENGLISH LANGUAGE
TERM : SA1

BOOKLET A

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

BOOKLET B

Grammer Cloze

Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19
C	E	D	A

Q20. fill
Q21. have
Q22. gobbles
Q23. Is

Editing For Spelling and Grammar

Q24. chocolate
Q25. is
Q26. Add

Synthesis & Transformation

Q27. Bill went to play soccer after he completed his homework.
Q28. Tom trained hard in order to get a place in the national team.

Comprehension

Q29. Tess's mother said that only a miracle could cure her little brother as their father did not have enough money to send Andrew for an operation.
Q30. Tess wanted to buy a miracle that can save her brother.
Q31. The words "here" refers to the pharmacy across the street.
Q32. well
Q33. They were grateful to Dr. Armstrong as he operated for Andrew and soon was well and Dr. Armstrong did not charge Tess's parents a cent.
Q34.

Can fly backwards	√
Eats nectar	
Has a long tongue	
Uses only tree bark to build its nests	

Q35. A
Q36. False
Q37. False
Q38. True
Q39 1 – Hummingbirds collect cobweb and tree bark.
3 – Hummingbirds lay their eggs.
2 – Hummingbirds weave together materials.
Q40. resilient

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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ONE (2018)

PRIMARY FOUR

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Name: _____ ( )

Class: Primary Four _____

8 May 2018

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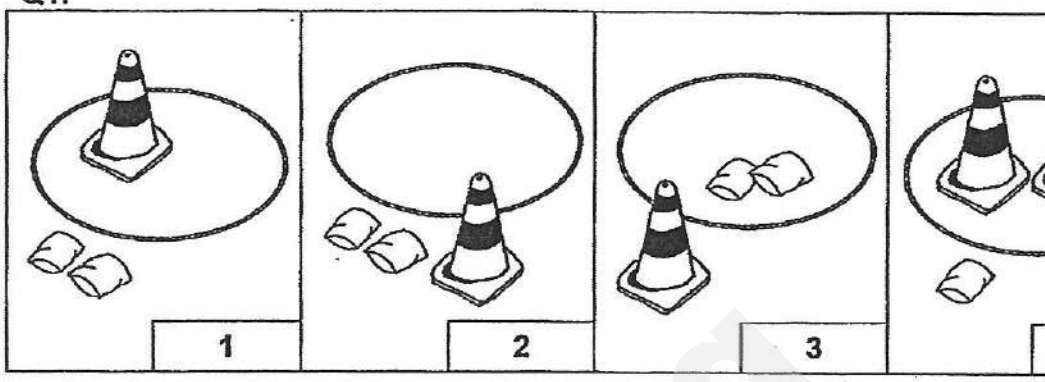
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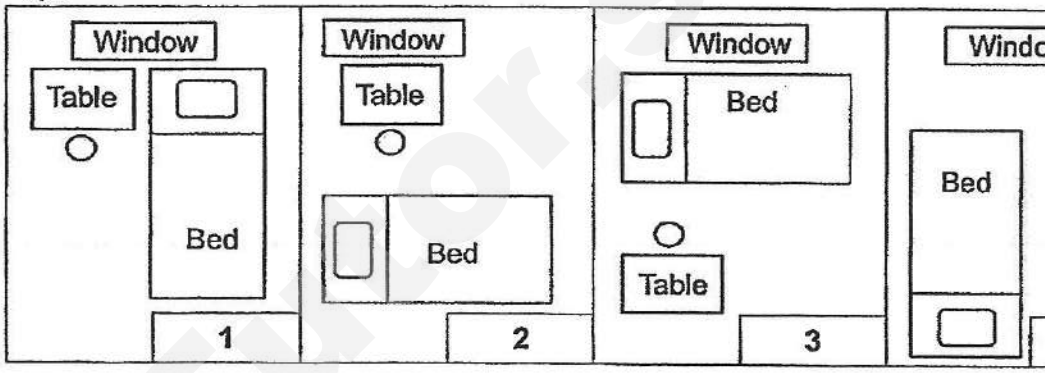
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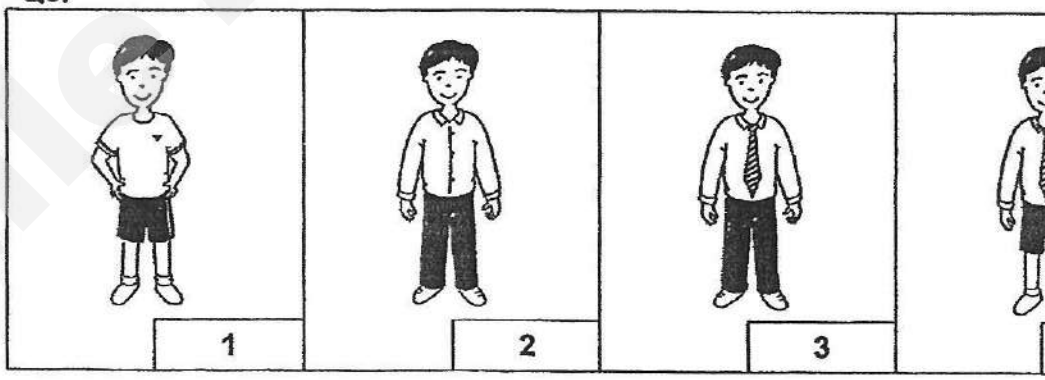
Q1.



Q2.



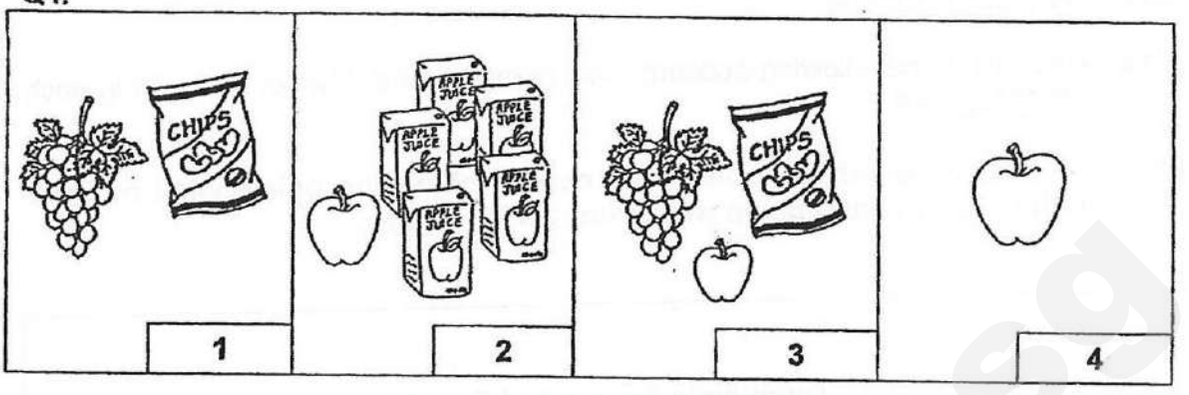
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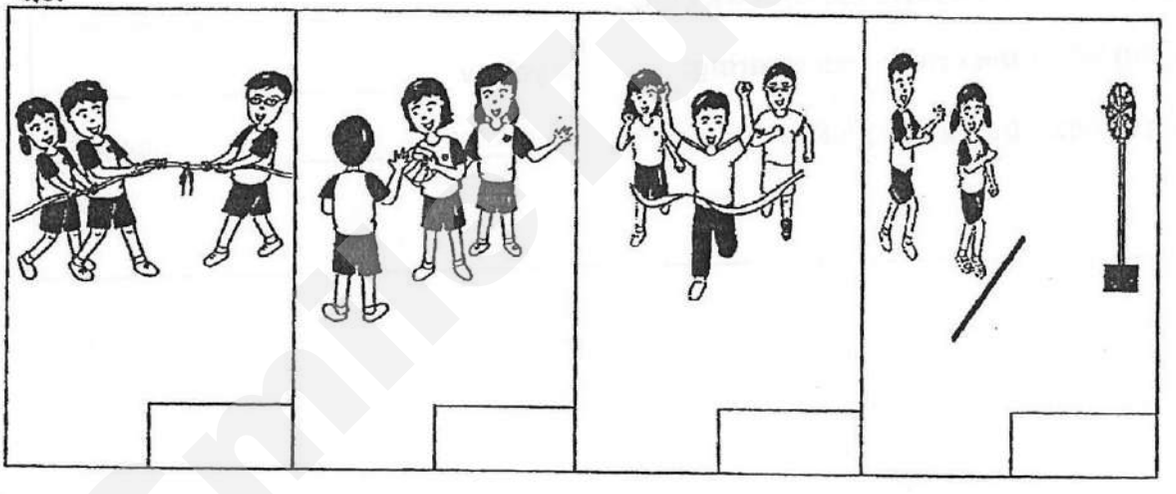
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Q4.

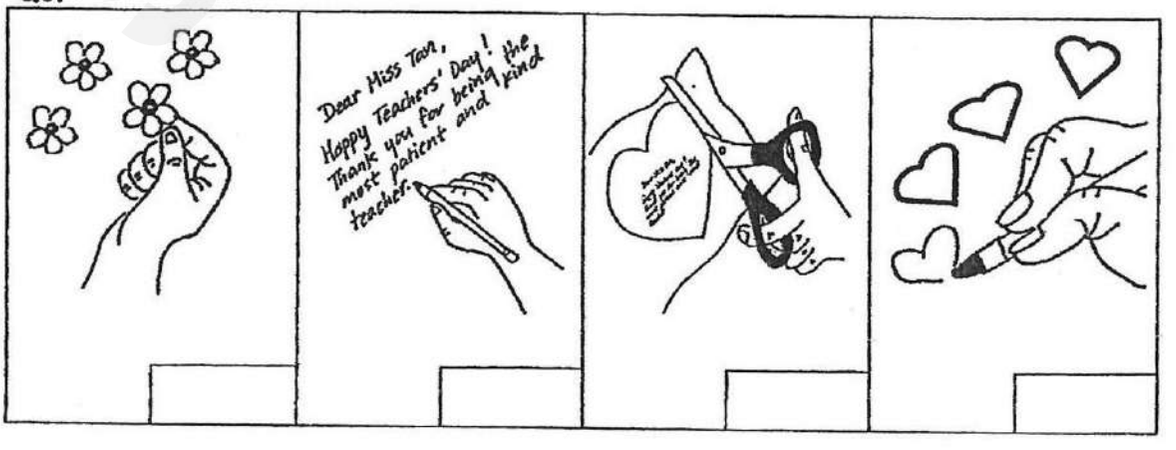


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Q5.



Q6.



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Listen carefully to the following account. I am going to read it twice. Then, f
blank with **ONE** word.

**Donovan is at a neighbourhood police centre telling the police what
You are the officer taking down what Donovan is saying.**

Donovan's Account of Events

(Q7) Time of accident:	about _____
(Q8) Vehicle that caused the accident:	a white _____
(Q9) Colour of sports car that was hit:	_____
(Q10) What the driver was wearing:	a yellow _____
(Q11) What the driver picked up:	_____

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Text Comprehension (3 x 1 mark)

Listen carefully to the following text. I am going to read it twice. Then, choose the most suitable answer for each question. Write the number 1, 2 or 3 in the brackets provided.

Q12. What was the bad habit that Sophie had?

(1) upsetting her teachers all the time
(2) staying behind after class every day
(3) doing her homework at the eleventh hour ( )

Q13. Why was Sophie surprised by Miss Tan's suggestion?

(1) She thought that she had tried her best to change.
(2) She thought that Miss Tan would make her kick her bad habit.
(3) She thought that Miss Tan would scold her instead of helping her. ( )

Q14. Why did Miss Tan ask Sophie to stay behind after class?

(1) Miss Tan wanted to punish Sophie.
(2) Miss Tan wanted to give Sophie a timetable to follow.
(3) Miss Tan wanted to help Sophie work out a timetable. ( )

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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ONE (2018)
PRIMARY FOUR
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

COMPOSITION

Name: _____ ( )

Class: Primary Four_____

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30 April 2018

50 minutes

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Write a composition of at least 120 words about a **painful experience.**

The pictures, not arranged in sequence, are provided to help you think about this topic. Your composition should be based on one, two or all of these pictures.

Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

1. When and where did the incident take place?
2. How did the incident take place?
3. What made it a painful experience?
4. What happened in the end?

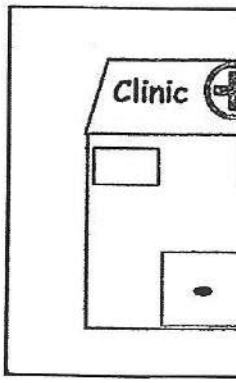
You may use the points in any order and include other relevant points as well.

Helping words:

- *cycling at the park*
- *put on safety gear*
- *lost balance / fell*
- *scrapped her knees / cried*
- *doctor / medicine*







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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ONE (2018)
PRIMARY FOUR
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

Name: _____ ( )

Class: Primary Four _____

8 May 2018

43 QUESTIONS

1 hour 15 minutes

Component	Marks
Sections A-D	/ 24
Sections E-I	/ 26
Paper 2 Total	/ 50

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1. My brother and sister _____ in their bedrooms when started.

(1) slept
(2) sleep
(3) was sleeping
(4) were sleeping

2. Yesterday, the prefects _____ a dance for Teachers' Day.

(1) perform
(2) performs
(3) performed
(4) had performed

3. The children _____ excited when they shook hands w football star.

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

4. "You found the missing wallet, _____ you?" Xin Ming excla

(1) isn't
(2) didn't
(3) aren't
(4) hadn't

5. The teacher lent some books to my classmate and _____

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

6. The train has to go _____ a tunnel before reaching th station.

(1) upon
(2) under
(3) across
(4) through

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7. Zaki was not feeling well _____ he refused to see a doctor.

(1) if
(2) so
(3) but
(4) then

8. As I was late for the party, there was not _____ food left.

(1) few
(2) little
(3) some
(4) much

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. The mouse _____ out of the house when we switched on the lights.

(1) fluttered
(2) galloped
(3) lumbered
(4) scampered

10. John recited his poem confidently before a _____ of judges.

(1) staff
(2) panel
(3) cabinet
(4) troupe

11. Please do not _____ me! I want to be left alone to study.

(1) worry
(2) ignore
(3) harass
(4) accuse

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(2) feeble
(3) inactive
(4) independent

13. Grace only has a _____ chance of winning the race as not been attending training sessions regularly.

(1) slim
(2) high
(3) single
(4) narrow

14. The _____ took out their phones to take videos when occurred in the supermarket.

(1) viewers
(2) audience
(3) onlookers
(4) spectators

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Section C – Visual Text Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Study the flyer carefully and answer the questions that follow. Choose the correct answer and shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS (SOFA) Date: 8 May 2018

ANNUAL ART CONTEST

DBB Bank is proud to sponser the Annual Art Contest hosted and coordinated by SOFA! This year's posters should be based on the theme 'Kindness'.

10 winners will be selected by the School Of Fine Arts judges. Winning posters will be exhibited at Central Community Centre from 28 June.



ATTRACTIVE PRIZES!

Grand prize
-cash award of $100
-10 free lessons at School of Fine Arts

Merit prizes
-$100 art material vouchers

All winners will receive a Certificate of Achievement

Contest Information

Entry forms are available in all primary schools and community centres. All completed entry forms and posters should be submitted by 22 June 2018. Please contact 6222555 for more information. Posters from last year's competition on the theme "Save the Environment" can be viewed at School of Fine Arts exhibition hall on weekdays or online at www.sofa.sg.

Rules

a. *The competition is only open to Primary 6 pupils.*
b. *The entry should be the original work of the pupil.*
c. *Posters should be done on A3-sized paper.*

Adapted from SOTA P6 Art Competition 2018

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(3) School of Fine Arts
(4) Central Community Centre

16. The competition takes place _____.

(1) once a year
(2) twice a year
(3) every month
(4) on weekdays

17. We can view posters from this year's competition at _____

(1) community centres
(2) Central Community Centre
(3) the School of Fine Arts website
(4) the School of Fine Arts exhibition hall

18. John wants to take part in the competition. He should submit the entr
and posters latest by _____.

(1) 8 May 2018
(2) 21 June 2018
(3) 22 June 2018
(4) 28 June 2018

19. Which of the following statements is **true**?

(1) All children can participate in this contest.
(2) All prize winners will receive $100 art material vouchers.
(3) All merit winners will receive a Certificate of Achievement.
(4) All winners will receive free lessons at School Of Fine Arts.

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Section D – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the article carefully and answer the questions that follow. Choose the correct answer and shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

When Corporal Ahmad of the Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) heard about the collapse of Hotel New World, he rushed to the scene. There were people trapped in the carpark but he could not move in until the tunnelling experts had completed their job. After 24 hours, the crane inched away. Corporal Ahmad volunteered to go in first.

It was dark. Then he heard a cry. He moved slowly towards the sound and found a man, Siva, pinned beneath some rubble.The SCDF team cleared the rubble and carried Siva to safety. When they emerged from the tunnel, Siva was so still that many through he was unconscious or dead. The crowd was gravely silent. When Siva flashed a weak smile, the crowd cheered and clapped.

After his long stay in the darkness, Siva was extremely weak. He also flinched whenever a bright light was shone at his face. The SCDF officers wheeled him to the ambulance after they had dimmed the rescue lights. Corporal Ahmad felt relieved. The SCDF officers needed sleep urgently. Instead, they had a quick meal. After that, for the next three days, Corporal Ahmad had very little sleep as he searched for survivors while the construction crew cleared the rubble.

Although they found more survivors, there were also some who did not survive. Corporal Ahmad received a promotion for his courage and perseverance. He was also awarded a Public Service Star but he said, "I was just doing my job." He mentioned that the details of the tragedy were etched in his mind.

Adapted from The Straits Times - Hotel New World hero tells his story

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(2) in a carpark
(3) under a crane
(4) under some rubble

21. Which word in paragraph 2 has the same meaning as the word appe

(1) pinned
(2) flashed
(3) cheered
(4) emerged

22. Siva winced when he saw the bright lights because he _____

(1) was very weak
(2) was unconscious
(3) did not like bright lights
(4) had stayed in the darkness for too long

23. After Siva left the scene for the hospital, the rescuers _____

(1) ate some food
(2) slept for a while
(3) cheered and clapped
(4) started clearing the rubble

24. How did Corporal Ahmad feel about his actions? He felt that he ____

(1) had been courageous
(2) had done nothing special
(3) had shown perseverance
(4) deserved the Public Service Star award

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Section E – 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) he	(B) I	(C) their
(D) them	(E) they	(F) we

"Good morning boys!" Mr Tan greeted the pupils as he stepped into class. Steve and Rajesh raised (25) _____ hands. Mr Tan asked (26) _____ what they wanted.

"(27) _____ found a wallet during recess just now," Rajesh announced.

"Then, he showed it to me!" Steve added.

"Where is the wallet now?" (28) _____ asked the boys. Steve explained that they had passed it to a prefect on duty. Mr Tan praised the pupils for being honest.

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George likes making all kinds of strange medicine. When his
(29) [is / are] not at home, he usually experiments in the kitchen. He us
toothpaste and shoe polish, and (30) [mix / mixes] them in the pan w
other ingredients. Although the mixture (31) [smell / smells] bad, he con
stir it carefully. Then, he hopes that someone will try his medicine. However
in his or her right mind (32) [is / are] willing to try his medicine. Onc
George is disappointed.

Adapted from George's Marvellous Medicine by

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The Mekong River is the longest river in Southeast

(33) _____ starts from Tibet and passes six countries before f

into the sea. The region surrounding the river is called the Greater Mekong.

an amazing variety of animal species. In fact, many

(34) _____ have been recently discovered in the last decade

Sadly, some of them will not be around for long if nothing is done to p

them. Their habitats (35) _____ been destroyed by the build

new roads and dams. Some wild animals are trapped for

(36) _____ others are sold as pets. These practices need

controlled to ensure that these animal species continue to thrive.

Adapted from What's Up Jan 2018 - The Mekong's Marvellous M

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37. I stepped into class. Immediately, the bell rang.

_____ as

_____

38. It was raining heavily. As a result, we trained in the hall.

_____

_____

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Section I – Comprehension Open-ended (5 x 2 marks)

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

The scouts hopped off the bus and assembled eagerly. Their teacher, Mr Lim, announhed, "You have to hike to the peak of Bukit Timah Hill to earn your merit badge. The time limit is one hour!" They checked their first-aid kits and applied insect repellent as Bukit Timah Hill was famous for its huge mosquitoes and ants.

The first minutes of the hike went fine. Soon, Ali, the team leader, was covered with many angry bites. They had taken precautions but the enemy still got to them. "Just keep moving!" Ali ordered. Then Alan shrieked, "Snake!"

Just in front of them, between some large rocks, was a large python. Before this, they had only read about pythons in their scout field guide. Now, a live python was right in front of them. Mr Lim knew that bhe had to get everyone out of danger. He knew this but he could not take his eyes off the snake. The snake seemed to be resting, but its eyes were locked on them.

"It's only a python. It's not even poisonous. Now, if it was a cobra, then we should be afraid!" Muthu announced confidently. Before Mr Lim could sop him, he suddenly grabbed a branch and stared waving it at the snake. This really annoyed the snake. Muthu then jabbed at the snake and it attacked him. He screamed when the fangs sank into his calf.

The scouts stared in shock while Mr Lim picked up another branch and hit the snake repeatedly . The snake released Muthu and made a quick escape. They quickly decresed Muthu's wound while Mr Lim called for an ambulance. When they reached the base of the hill, the ambulance was already waiting.

Adapted from Theodore Boone The Activist by John Grisham

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40. What does the phrase '**the enemy**' in line 6 refer to?

41. Which sentence in paragraph 3 tells you that the scouts had neve
live snake before?

42. Why did Muthu say they should be afraid of a cobra?

43. What did Muthu do to cause the snake to attack him?

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EXAM PAPER 2018 (P4)

SCHOOL : CATHOLIC HIGH

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
4	3	4	2	3	4	3	4	4	2
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	4	1	3	3	1	2	3	3	4
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
4	4	1	2	C	D	B	A		

Q29) are

Q30) mixes

Q31) smells

Q32) is

Q33) It

Q34) species

Q35) have

Q36) while

Q37) The bell rang as soon as I stepped into class.

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Q39) They needed to hike to the peak of Bukit Timah Hill in one hour.

Q40) It refers to the huge mosquitoes and ants in Bukit Timah Hill.

Q41) The sentences is "Before this, they had only read about pythons scout field guide."

Q42) The cobra is poisonous while a python is not.

Q43) He waved a branch at it and jabbed at it.

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Primary 4
Semestral Assessment 1
7 May 2018

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)

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. Mrs Tan demanded angrily to know _____ had broken her vase.

   (1) who
   (2) which
   (3) where
   (4) whose

2. At assembly yesterday, Tim _____ praised by his teachers for his good deed.

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

3. John is very strong because he _____ carry the heavy box all by himself.

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

4. The ceiling fan hangs _____ our sofa.

   (1) below
   (2) under
   (3) above
   (4) between

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5. Mother asked, "Do you know where _____ was taken?" as she pointed to the photograph in her hand.

(1) this
(2) that
(3) these
(4) those

6. Jason has only _____ coins left because he spent nearly all his money at the candy shop.

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

7. We _____ the television when the doorbell rang.

(1) were watching
(2) are watching
(3) watched
(4) watch

8. Both Ali and Ahmad _____ playing with their sister in the garden now.

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

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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 teacher was worried about Jack's _____ absence from class.

(1) usual
(2) familiar
(3) common
(4) frequent

10. "You will need sugar and cream," said Mother as she added the _____ needed for making ice cream.

(1) utensils
(2) materials
(3) equipment
(4) ingredients

11. Filled with _____, Tom checked out the noise in the kitchen.

(1) belief
(2) curiosity
(3) creativity
(4) imagination

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12. The conman has _____ the old man into giving him his hard-earned money.

(1) judged
(2) blamed
(3) accused
(4) deceived

13. Knowing that he would be punished for his mistake, Paul tried to _____ the truth.

(1) blind
(2) prevent
(3) conceal
(4) camouflage

14. Mary _____ some money every week so that she can save enough to buy a present for her mother.

(1) puts up
(2) puts out
(3) puts down
(4) puts aside

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

Study the advertisement carefully and answer questions 15 and 16.

Century Bookstore at Best Mall Branch

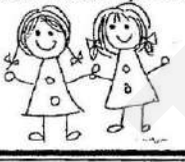
Grand Opening Sale

Date: 12 May 2018 – 16 May 2018

Meet the Author

Saturday, 13 May 2018, 1pm

Join local author, Linda Tan, for a book-signing-and-storytelling session. Her adventure story, Our Destiny, shares the heartwarming bond between two best friends. The author hopes to create awareness of children with special needs through this story.



Promotion

- 20% discount on ALL books
- 30% discount on ALL stationery

Free Gift

Get a limited-edition Century Bookstore notebook with a minimum purchase of $100 in a single receipt.

Limited to one per customer. While stocks last.



Century Membership Card

Stand a chance to win a cruise vacation and bring home attractive freebies when you sign up for a Century Card during the opening sale at Best Mall branch.

The first 100 to apply will receive a $5-Century gift voucher.

Opening Hours
Mon to Fri: 11a.m. to 9 p.m.
Sat to Sun: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Visit us at Best Mall, 13 Bukit Panjung, Singapore 425644
Tel: 63453264 Email: centurybookstore@gmail.com.sg

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

15. The **main** purpose of the advertisement is to _____.

(1) promote Linda Tan's book
(2) encourage people to read widely
(3) get more people to visit Best Mall
(4) let people know about the sale at Century Bookstore

16. Which one of the following statements is **true**?

(1) There is a 30% discount on all books.
(2) You will receive a free notebook if you spend $90.
(3) Linda Tan will be signing books and telling a story.
(4) You will receive a $5-voucher if you spend over $100.

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Primary 4

Semestral Assessment 1

7 May 2018

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet B

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

31 questions
34 marks

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Booklet A	16
Booklet B	34
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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 / phrase only once.**

(A) talk	(C) talked	(E) had talked
(B) talks	(D) talking	(F) have talked

Although it was the last period of the day, all the pupils in my class were listening attentively. Mr Kumar, our English teacher, was (17) _____ seriously to us about the importance of checking our work to avoid making careless mistakes.

Quite a number of pupils had not been checking their work carefully before handing it in. So, Mr Kumar wanted to emphasise the need to check our work again. It was not the first time that Mr Kumar (18) _____ about this matter. In fact, he (19) _____ about it just three days before.

Then, he got all of us to (20) _____ among ourselves and think of ways to make sure we remember to check our work. Being a patient teacher, Mr Kumar told us that he was confident that we would get into the habit of checking our work carefully in time to come.

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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 box and write its letter (A to E) in each blank. **Use each word only once.**

(A) increase	(C) increased	(E) increasingly
(B) increases	(D) increasing	

Today, global warming is happening at a rapid rate. Due to global warming, the temperature on earth is (21) _____ . Scientists have discovered that it is caused by greenhouse gases.

Before modern inventions, human activity actually did not produce many greenhouse gases. However, with modern inventions such as cars and planes, there is a sharp (22) _____ in greenhouse gases.

In order to power up more towns and cities, we started burning fossil fuels such as coal and oil for energy. Therefore, the amount of greenhouse gases has (23) _____ . These greenhouse gases trap heat, making our earth warmer and warmer.

(24) _____ , people are doing their part to reduce greenhouses gases by turning off the lights when not in use.

You can play your part in saving the earth too. After all, Earth is the only planet we call home.

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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. Lisa should use a map. She does not know the way to the park.

If _____

_____ .

26. Roy works hard in order to complete his project on time.

_____ so that

_____ .

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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.

Listen carefully and you will hear different kinds of sounds. Our world (27) _____ full of sounds – dogs barking, birds chirping, bees humming. Animals use sounds for different reasons.

The rattlesnake makes a rattling sound to warn predators. The rattle on the tail of a rattlesnake is made up of scales. These scales are (28) _____ a stack of upside-down teacups. When the snake shakes its tail, the 'cups' rattle against each (29) _____ , making the rattling sound.

Like the rattlesnake, most animals use sounds to send messages. A dog may bark to get your attention or tell you to (30) _____ your distance. A male frog makes loud croaking sounds to attract female frogs. Other than using sounds to send messages, some animals, such as dolphins and bats, use sound to help them "see" in the water or in the dark. The sounds they make bounce back and tell them what is ahead.

All these sounds are actually vibrations. Touch your throat and feel the vibrations from within when you talk today.

Adapted from 'Animal Sounds', The Magic School Bus Magazine

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Section H: Comprehension [1] (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 31 to 40.

In 1940, four boys discovered some amazing caves. They told their teacher about them. When the teacher saw the paintings in the caves, now known as the Lascaux caves, he realised that his pupils had discovered prehistoric works of art.

Since then, scientists have studied these caves, trying to figure out the meanings behind the paintings. The early humans who made these paintings were hunters. However, these paintings do not include all animals hunted by these early humans. For example, there are no paintings of reindeer although these early humans ate a lot of reindeer meat. There is also an interesting hunting scene showing the only human painted in the caves.

Scientists also found paintings consisting of squares and rectangles. These images are still a mystery. Experts think they may be linked to religious practices.

The early humans dwelled in tents, where they carried out day-to-day activities such as eating and sleeping. They only went to the dark, damp Lascaux caves to paint. They were creative because they made their paintings come alive by using bumps in stones as the eye of a horse.

The Lascaux caves are protected as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. They are currently closed because the paintings have been slightly damaged by human activities. Scientists are trying to save these intriguing paintings. Copies of these valuable paintings have been created by some talented artists and can be bought at some museums.

Adapted from 'Back in Time to Lascaux' by P. Bouchie

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For question 31 and question 32, refer to paragraph 1.
Decide who did the following actions. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.
The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Actions		The Four Boys	The Teacher
Example	informed someone about the caves	✓	
31.	first to discover the paintings in the caves		
32.	realised that the paintings were actually prehistoric drawings		

For question 33 to question 36, refer to paragraph 2.
Read each statement about the Lascaux caves and tick 'True' or 'False'.
The first example has been done for you. [3m]

Statements		True	False
Example	The early humans hated eating reindeer meat.		✓
33.	Scientists are making an effort to understand what the paintings mean.		
34.	The early humans painted reindeer in the caves.		
35.	The prehistoric paintings in the caves were done by hunters.		
36.	There is only one painting of a human found in the caves.		

37. Refer to paragraph 3.
Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

Some experts think the early humans painted squares and rectangles to _____. [1m]

	make the caves more fascinating
	practise their religion
	create a mystery

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For question 38 and question 39, refer to paragraphs 4 and 5.
Tick (✓) where each activity was carried out.
The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Activities		Caves	Tents	Museums
Example	going about daily activities		✓	
38.	selling copies of cave paintings			
39.	making life-like paintings			

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

Copies of these valuable (A) paintings have been created by some talented (B) artists and can be bought at some museums.

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Section I: Comprehension [2] (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 41 to 47.

Smiling, I watched the joyous celebration of the harvest festival with my pet canary cupped in my hands. "Boom!" Frightened by a firecracker going off, my pet canary flapped its wings furiously. I lost my grip on it.

I spotted it winging its way across the sky. Groaning, I jostled my way through the crowd. As soon as I got past the crowd, I began to give chase, determined to get it back. Soon, it led me out of the city gates and into the harvest fields. I continued running after it until my legs ached in protest. Exhausted, I sat down and leaned against a large oak tree, accepting the fact that my pet canary was gone forever.

"Young girl, get up!" a skinny boy shouted at me from afar but I ignored him. His shouting continued until his voice began to turn hoarse. Finally, I stood up. He rushed over and anxiously checked the area.

"Why are you so angry? It's just earth," I asked, puzzled.

Gripping his hand tightly around his flute, he turned around and looked angrily at me. "This is where I sit every day!" he yelled.

I wanted to **ease the tense situation.** "Can you play the flute for me?" I asked with a smile. He hesitated before he finally lifted the instrument to his lips, and the sweetest sound spilt forth from it. It was magical, something more than just sound.

"You are good!" I exclaimed when the tune ended. Blushing, he gave a smile. "You think so?" As we continued talking, our friendship blossomed. I enjoyed talking to him so much that I forgot all about my lost canary.

Adapted from 'Fate is a Fickle Thing' by Saw Jin Hui

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For question 41, write 1, 2, or 3 in the brackets.

41. The author was watching the harvest festival _____. [1m]

(1) in the city
(2) at the city gates
(3) in the harvest fields
(4) under a large oak tree. ( )

42. What frightened the author's pet canary away? [1m]
[Write your answer using a complete sentence / complete sentences.]

_____

_____

43. Why did the author chase her pet canary after it flew away? [1m]
[Write your answer using a complete sentence / complete sentences.]

_____

_____

44. These are some statements describing the events experienced by the author. Put them in order according to the flow in the story. Write **1**, **2** and **3** on the lines. [1m]

_____ She knew she had lost her pet canary for good.
_____ She was too tired to run anymore.
_____ She felt frustrated as she made her way through the crowd.

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45. 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) The author was afraid of the boy who was shouting at her.		_____ _____
(b) The boy was reluctant to play his flute at first.		_____ _____

46. What were the **two things** the author did to **ease the tense situation** (line 15)? [2m]

_____

_____

47. Which **two** of the following words best describe how the boy felt before and after playing the flute? Put a tick (✓) in the box beside each of your answers.
DO NOT TICK MORE THAN ONE BOX FOR EACH EVENT.

Before playing the flute
[Put **one** tick (✓)]

puzzled	☐
hostile	☐
exhausted	☐

After playing the flute
[Put **one** tick (✓)]

anxious	☐
hesitant	☐
friendly	☐

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ANSWER KEY

YEAR	:	2018
LEVEL	:	PRIMARY 4
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SUBJECT	:	ENGLISH
TERM	:	SA1

Booklet A

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

Booklet B

Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24
D	C	E	A	D	A	C	E

Q25 If Lisa does not know the way to the park, she should use a map.

Q26 Roy works hard so that he can complete his project on time.

Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
is	like	other	keep

Q31 ✓ The Four Boys

Q32 ✓ The Teacher

Q33 ✓ True

Q34 ✓ False

Q35 ✓ True

Q36 ✓ True

Q37 ✓ practise their religion

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Q38 ✓ **Museums**

Q39 ✓ **Caves**

Q40 **(A)**

Q41 **(1)**

Q42 **The author's pet canary was frightened away by a firecracker going off.**

Q43 **The author was determined to get her pet canary back.**

Q44

3	She knew she had lost her pet canary for good.
2	She was too tired to run anymore.
1	She felt frustrated as she made her way through the crowd.

Q45

Sentence	True / False	Reason
(a) The author was afraid of the boy who was shouting at her.	False	The author ignored the boy when he shouted at her.
(b) The boy was reluctant to play his flute at first.	True	The boy hesitated before playing the flute.

Q46 **The author asked the boy to play the flute with a smile and distracted him to ensure that he would not get angry again.**

Q47 **hostile** ✓ **friendly** ✓

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2018 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION ONE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY FOUR

Part I	14
Part II	36
TOTAL	50

NAME: _____ ( )

CLASS: Primary 4 _____

Duration of Paper: 1h 15min

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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. Prince Wuti chased after the rubber ball as it _____ away.

   (1) sprang
   (2) hopped
   (3) jumped
   (4) bounced ( )

2. The audience cheered and _____ wildly as the prize winner went onto the stage.

   (1) mumbled
   (2) applauded
   (3) commented
   (4) complimented ( )

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3. Ali parked his new car in the _____ when he reached his bungalow.

(1) barn
(2) garage
(3) stadium
(4) interchange ( )

4. As the guest-of-honour hung the _____around her neck, the winner of the 100-metre race beamed with joy.

(1) gift
(2) medal
(3) present
(4) souvenir ( )

5. The old and deserted pond is _____ as no one has cleaned it for years.

(1) filthy
(2) clear
(3) filtered
(4) stained ( )

6. While riding his new bicycle, Jim was _____ to keep away from the bumpy path which was filled with potholes.

(1) strict
(2) careful
(3) choosy
(4) reckless ( )

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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. Mary _____ to the zoo last Saturday and saw many interesting animals.

(1) go
(2) went
(3) gone
(4) going ( )

8. "Please hurry! The bus _____ here and it will leave in five minutes!" urged the teacher.

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

9. My cousins _____ their homework when the lights went out.

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

10. It is time for bed. Tim _____ into his pyjamas.

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

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11. "Come in, children. Find _____ a seat," Mrs Lee said with a smile.

(1) myself
(2) himself
(3) yourselves
(4) themselves ( )

12. "Please help to carry _____ box from the cupboard over there," said Mr Tan to his son.

(1) this
(2) that
(3) these
(4) those ( )

13. Sam and his family visited Malaysia just _____ years ago.

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

14. "Recess is almost over! We do not have _____ time left to play," complained John.

(1) all
(2) little
(3) some
(4) much ( )

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SECTION C: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Part 1

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

(A) about	(B) in	(C) from
(D) onto	(E) of	(F) for

It was the weekend after Chinese New Year and Ryan decided to go to the bank to deposit the money he had received from his relatives.

When he reached the bank, he noticed long queues (15) _____ people waiting to be served. As he was (16) _____ to join a queue, he heard a faint cry (17) _____ help. Turning around, he saw an old man behind him collapsing (18) _____ the floor. Ryan stood there dumbfounded.

Part 2

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

An exciting pastime for boys in the 1960s was keeping fighting fish.

(19) **[This / These]** kind of fish would fight if placed in the same bottle. They (20) **[was / were]** so aggressive that they would get excited if two glass bottles were (21) **[place / placed]** side by side and they could see each other. As such, the shopkeeper would place a piece of paper (22) **[in / between]** the bottles.

The most aggressive and colourful fighting fish was much desired by the boys.

Adapted from 'Singapore in the 60s' by Suresh and Syed

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SECTION D: Comprehension Cloze (4 x 1 mark)
Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

David loved mathematics since he was in Primary One. However, his thinking changed when he was in Primary Four. The mathematics problems got more (23) _____. David felt discouraged and wanted to give up.

Just then, his friend Fatimah said, "David, you can't just give up."

"I have no choice, Fatimah," said David. "You are either born smart or you are not. And I realise today that I am not."

"That is not (24) _____ it works," said Fatimah. "Anyone can be smart. Neuroscientists studied the brain for years and discovered that the brain works like a muscle. When we try challenging things, we are giving our brain the exercise (25) _____ needs to get stronger and this makes us (26) _____."

David made a promise to himself that day. He promised never to give up no matter how challenging the mathematics problems got.

Adapted from https://ideas.classdojo.com/i/growth-mindset-1

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SECTION E: Synthesis (4 x 1 mark)

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 meaning of the given sentences.

27. You pay attention in class. You will remember the instructions given by the teacher.

If _____

_____

28. Raju does not speak Malay. Raju does not speak Mandarin.

_____ neither

_____

29. We need a leader. The leader must be responsible.

_____ who

_____

30. Peter was a toddler. Peter did not like to eat fruits then.

When _____

_____

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SECTION F: Comprehension

Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

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

Our Science teacher, Mr Tan, gave us a project to work on for Earth Day. The topic was about saving the world. I wanted to do a project on recycling trash. I went to the library to do my research. I was browsing the books on the shelves when I saw a book titled "Save the Sea Turtle". I sat at a table and began reading it.

I found out that almost all species of sea turtles are endangered. Their eggs are overharvested. They are killed for their meat and shells. I saw a picture of a dying turtle that was stuck in a fishing net. Sea turtles will soon be extinct if we do not do something! My heart sank at that **thought**. I knew at once that saving sea turtles would be the focus of my project.

I decided to research more about sea turtles on the internet. I found different organisations that might be able to help me. I decided to send an email to them to ask what I could do to help the sea turtles. After a few days, an officer from River Safari replied to my email. She invited me to her office to discuss about my project.

I informed my teacher what I had done. He was proud of my dedication towards this project when he found out how much time I had spent on it. After a few weeks of research and visiting River Safari, I was ready to present my project to my class.

On the day of my presentation, I hung posters in my classroom and gave out leaflets to my classmates. I did a presentation to my classmates to inform them about the sea turtles and what we could do to help. A few weeks later, I was chosen to present my project during assembly. I was glad that I was able to create an awareness about these beautiful creatures. I hope that more people would join in the fight to save them.

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31. What project did the author want to do at first? [1m]

_____

_____

32. Based on the passage, why are the sea turtles killed? [1m]

_____

_____

33. The word **'thought'** in Line 9 refers to _____ [1m]

Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

the sea turtles being eaten	
the sea turtles becoming extinct if not helped	
the sea turtles dying in the fisherman's net	

34. How did the author contact the different organisations? [1m]

_____

_____

35. Which word in **paragraph 4** tells you that the author put in a lot of effort to do the project? [1m]

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36. State two things that the author did on his project presentation day. [2m]

(1) _____

(2) _____

37. How did the author feel at the end of his presentation at assembly? [1m]

_____

_____

For Q38-39, state whether each statement in the table is True or False. [2m]

	Statement	True/ False
38.	The author only looked for information about sea turtles from the library.	
39.	The author's teacher did not like his project.	

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Comprehension 2 (10 marks)

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

Do you know that like people, a computer can get "sick" too? When the computer is infected by a computer virus, its system slows down. It can also become unusable or damaged.

A computer virus is a programme that is harmful to computers. It is not easily removable when found. There are many types of computer viruses and they have different purposes. Most of the viruses are designed by computer programmers to erase the information and can damage existing programmes. Some viruses even steal information like passwords, bank account numbers and e-mail addresses.

Computer viruses are invented by computer programmers with bad motives. The viruses enter computers through devices like thumb drives and the internet. For example, Michael, a ten-year-old student, learnt this the hard way. His computer became infected because his classmate, Roy, copied a file for their school project from Michael's computer using a thumb drive. Earlier on, Roy had used the thumb drive to download a video game from the internet. He did not know that there was a virus in the game. When Roy inserted his thumb drive into Michael's computer, his computer also became infected because the anti-virus programme was not working properly.

Another way of contracting computer virus is through the internet. The internet is full of resources that you can use for your schoolwork. It is also a source of entertainment such as video games and movies. However, they can be distracting and you must not get addicted to them. When you download some of these files and install them into your computer, a virus can also get into your computer.

Email attachments are files that are sent along with an email message and they can also be used to spread viruses. Be very careful when you open any of the attachments.

Lastly, always install an up-to-date anti-virus software. These software can monitor and remove harmful viruses in the computer. You can buy them online or at computer shops. Remember to seek guidance from adults or professionals before installing anything.

Adapted from Science Spy Magazine

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40. How does a computer get 'sick'? [1m]

(1) It is infected by a virus.
(2) It has too many video games.
(3) It is used by many different people.
(4) It has not been switched off when no one is using it. ( )

41. Computer viruses are produced by _____. [1m]

(1) the internet
(2) thumb drives
(3) video games
(4) programmers ( )

42. Which word from **paragraph 3** has the same meaning as 'intentions'? [1m]

43. Why should I install an anti-virus software into my computer? [1m]

_____

_____

44. Number the steps (1, 2 and 3) in the order that Michael's computer became infected. [1m]

(a)	Roy inserted his thumb drive into Michael's computer.	
(b)	Roy had downloaded a video game with his thumb drive.	
(c)	Michael's computer did not have a working anti-virus software so it became infected.	

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

	Sentence	True/ False	Reason
(a)	You have to be very careful when you open any email attachment.		
(b)	An anti-virus programme can only be bought online.		

46. What does the word **'It'** in line 20 refer to? [1m]

_____

_____

47. According to the information given in the passage, state **one** advantage and **one** disadvantage of using the internet in doing our school work. [2m]

Advantage	
Disadvantage	

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SUBJECT : ENGLISH
TERM : SA 1

SECTION A-B

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

SECTION C

Q15) E

Q16) A

Q17) F

Q18) D

Q19) This

Q20) were

Q21) placed

Q22) between

SECTION D

Q23) challenging

Q24) how

Q25) it

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Q26) smarter

SECTION E

Q27) If you pay attention in class, you will remember the instructions given by the teacher.

Q28) Raju speaks neither Malay nor Mandarin.

Q29) We need a leader who must be responsible.

Q30) When Pete was a toddler, he did not like to eat fruits.

SECTION F

Q31) He wanted to do a project on recycling trash.

Q32) They are caught and killed for their meat and shells.

Q33) "The sea turtles becoming extinct if not helped."

Q34) He sent emails to the organisations that he thought would be able to help him with his project.

Q35) dedication

Q36) 1. He gave out leaflets about saving turtles to his classmates.
2. He showed a presentation about sea turtles and how his classmates could help save them.

Q37) He felt very glad.

Q38) False

Q39) False

Q40) 1

Q41) 4

Q42) Motives

Q43) It would prevent computer viruses from getting into your computer.

Q44) a: 2 / b: 1 / c: 3

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Q45)

Sentence	True/False	Reason
You have to be very careful when you open any email attachment	True	There might be viruses in email attachments.
An anti-virus programme can only be bought online	False	You can buy them at computer shops.

Q46) It refers to "the internet".

Q47)

Advantage	It has a lot of resources for doing your homework.
Disadvantage	The online movies and video games might distract you from your work.

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MARIS STELLA HIGH SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

PRIMARY 4 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PART 1

7 May 2018 (Monday)

Total time for Parts 1 & 2 : 1 h 15 min

NAME	: _____ ( )
CLASS	: PRIMARY 4 _____

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ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

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SECTION A: GRAMMAR **(8 x 1 mark)**

Choose the correct word to complete the blank. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). **Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.**

1. My sister _____ watching the concert this evening.

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

2. Last month, the students _____ on a learning journey to the Road Safety Park with their teacher.

(1) go
(2) went
(3) have gone
(4) were going

3. "Listen! The teacher _____ instructions now," said the class monitor.

(1) gave
(2) gives
(3) is giving
(4) has given

4. My father and I built the toy robot all by _____.

(1) myself
(2) himself
(3) ourselves
(4) themselves

5. "_____ cupcakes over there look delicious!" Jenny exclaimed.

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

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6. Mother asked me to buy whipping cream as there is not _____ left.

(1) few
(2) some
(3) much
(4) many

7. You had done well for your examination, _____ you?

(1) had
(2) have
(3) hadn't
(4) haven't

8. We _____ our canoe when it started pouring heavily.

(1) paddle
(2) will paddle
(3) are paddling
(4) were paddling

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SECTION B: VOCABULARY **(6 x 1 mark)**

Choose the correct word to complete the blank. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). **Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.**

9. Eggs, sugar and flour are some of the _____ needed to bake a cake.

(1) recipe
(2) utensils
(3) equipment
(4) ingredients

10. Having heard Tim's rude remarks, James _____ angrily, "That is so unkind!"

(1) retorted
(2) moaned
(3) mumbled
(4) chattered

11. We must observe traffic rules to _____ road accidents.

(1) prohibit
(2) remove
(3) prevent
(4) obstruct

12. The police investigators are searching the crime scene to gather _____ that will lead them to the criminal.

(1) news
(2) ideas
(3) evidence
(4) materials

13. The friends had a misunderstanding last night and a fight _____ among them.

(1) broke in
(2) broke up
(3) broke out
(4) broke down

14. The class was green with _____ when we saw David's new watch.

(1) joy
(2) fury
(3) envy
(4) anger

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SECTION C: VISUAL TEXT COMPREHENSION **(5 x 2 marks)**

Read the advertisement carefully and then answer questions 15 to 20.

GRAND OPENING
at
RED DOT SHOPPING MALL



Date: 1 December – 16 December 2018
Time: 10 am – 10 pm daily

Special Attractions

- Free Photo-taking (Daily)
  1 pm to 3 pm
- Magic Show (Daily)
  6 pm to 6.45 pm
- Healthy Cooking Demonstration (only on Tuesdays and Wednesdays)
  6.30 pm to 7.30 pm
- Fashion Show (only on weekends)
  7 pm to 8 pm
- Umbrella Dance (only on weekends)

Gifts

- Attractive umbrellas to be given away to the first 20 customers each day
- Complimentary movie tickets for those who spend over $100 (Limited to the first 50 customers)
- Free drink for every customer (Limited to one per person)
- Attractive balloons for all children

CRAZY SALE!

Abe Store

- T-shirts with trendy designs
- Buy 3 get 1 free

Sunshine Toy Store

- Fantastic collection of toys and games
- 50% off all items

Bee Bee Sports Store

- Trade in your old sports shoes to get a new pair for only $35.

All restaurants

- Get 25% off the total bill!

SPECIAL LUCKY DRAW (2 pm – 5 pm daily)

With every $200 spent, you can win one of the following prizes instantly:

- Pouches
- Water bottles
- $100 food vouchers
- $50 shopping vouchers



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For each question from 15 to 19, 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.

15. All customers who visit the mall will get a free _____.

(1) drink
(2) pouch
(3) balloon
(4) movie ticket

16. A customer who visits the shopping mall at 7 pm on Tuesday will get to watch _____.

(1) the magic show
(2) the fashion show
(3) the umbrella dance
(4) the healthy cooking demonstration

17. If a customer wins a lucky draw prize on 4 December, it will be given to him _____.

(1) at 10 am
(2) immediately
(3) on 16 December
(4) the following day

18. Which one of the following statements is true?

(1) A shopper who buys two T-shirts will get the third T-shirt free.
(2) Almost all restaurants in the mall will give a 25% off the total bill.
(3) To participate in the Lucky Draw, a shopper has to spend at least $200.
(4) The first person to enter the mall will be given an umbrella and a shopping voucher.

19. The main aim of the advertisement is to _____.

(1) encourage healthy cooking
(2) inform the public about the mall
(3) announce the upcoming crazy sale
(4) promote the release of a new movie

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MARIS STELLA HIGH SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

PRIMARY 4 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PART 2

7 May 2018 (Monday)

Total time for Parts 1 & 2 : 1 h 15 min

NAME	: _____ ( )
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3. Answer all the questions.

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SECTION D: GRAMMAR CLOZE **(8 x 1 mark)**

Read the following passage carefully. Choose from the words given in the box and fill in each blank with the correct word. Write its **letter** (A to H) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONLY ONCE

PASSAGE 1

(A) me	(B) his	(C) our
(D) we	(E) their	(F) I

Last week, my classmates and I made healthy snacks in school. Before the start of the activity, our English Teacher, Mr Sim, told us to wash **(20)**_____ hands.

David, Sally and **(21)**_____ were in the same group and we used many fruits and vegetables to make a colourful salad. When it was time to taste our salad, I realised I had forgotten to bring plastic bowls for our group. Thankfully, another group of students had extra bowls and they offered to share **(22)**_____ bowls with us.

Everyone had a fun session and **(23)**_____ could not wait to share that wonderful experience with our family members.

Score: / 4

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PASSAGE 2

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

Gopal loves canoeing. He _____ **(24)** [is / are] the captain of his school's canoe team. Every Saturday morning, Gopal, together with his teammates, _____ **(25)** [train / trains] hard at the Bedok Reservoir.

As Gopal is a caring and responsible captain, his teammates _____ **(26)** [respect / respects] him. Canoeing together with his teammates _____ **(27)** [has / have] brought much joy to Gopal. He hopes to continue with this sport for as long as he can.

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Score:	**/ 4**

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SECTION E: VOCABULARY CLOZE (5 x 1 mark)

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

USE A WORD ONLY ONCE

(A) important	(B) collide	(C) skid	(D) recklessly
(E) cautiously	(F) immense	(G) junction	(H) pavement

Everyone has a role to play in road safety. To prevent accidents from happening, it is **(28)**_____ for us to obey the traffic rules. As a pedestrian, we have to cross the road **(29)**_____. While waiting at the traffic light **(30)**_____, we should wait patiently and not rush to cross the road when the Green Man is flashing.

As a driver, we must pay attention on the road too. Driving **(31)**_____ is dangerous and fatal accidents may occur. During rainy days, drivers need to drive slowly so that the cars will not **(32)**_____ off the road.

We should work together to make our roads safe. Be a responsible road user!

Score: / 5

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SECTION F: SENTENCE MANIPULATION **(3 x 1 mark)**

For each of the items from 33 to 35, 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 given one(s).

33. Sally went for a jog. Sally was feeling tired.

_____ but

_____

34. The prince lives in this castle. He started living here when he was born.

_____ since

_____

35. Amy does not like fishing. Her sister does not like fishing too.

Neither _____

_____

Score:	/ 3

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SECTION G: COMPREHENSION (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Ted was very unpopular in class. He often did not complete his homework and forgot to bring his worksheets to school. His form teacher, Mrs Tan, tried hard to change his ways.

One morning, Ted entered Mrs Tan's class with a tear-stained face. Mrs Tan noticed **it**. Ted whispered, "My sister insisted that her doll was nicer than my teddy bear. I said mine was more adorable. We argued. Then my sister threatened to throw my teddy bear out of the window. Furious, I pulled out her doll's arms. My sister wailed. Mother witnessed the incident and told me I would not be able to use any electronic devices for a week."

Mrs Tan was speechless. Then she said, "It is thoughtless of you to do that."

"I have apologised to her," Ted mumbled.

Not long after that incident, Mrs Tan organised a baking class for her students. All of them found themselves a partner to bake with except Ted. He was upset. Mrs Tan said, "Ted, I can be your partner." Ted was on cloud nine upon hearing that. That day, he had a lot of fun.

On Teachers' Day, Ted gave Mrs Tan a present. Mrs Tan was shocked that it was a bottle of mineral water. Ted said, "Thank you for your care. I wanted to buy you an expensive gift but I had no money so I got this from home. You need it to quench your thirst while teaching us."

Mrs Tan was moved and wept quietly.

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36. List two irresponsible acts that Ted had done in school. [2m]

(i) _____

(ii) _____

37. What does the word 'it' in line 5 refer to? [1m]

_____

_____

38. State whether each sentence below is **True** or **False**. [2m]

Sentence	True / False
i) Ted was punished by his mother for breaking his sister's doll.	
ii) Ted was upset that Mrs Tan was his partner at the baking class.	

For Q39 - 40, tick ✓ whether the statements describe Ted or Ted's sister. [2m]

Activities described in paragraph 2		Ted	Ted's sister
39.	claimed that the teddy bear was more adorable		
40.	wanted to throw the teddy bear out of the window		

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41. Which word from lines 9 - 11 has the same meaning as 'at a loss for words'? [1m]

42. Write **1**, **2** and **3** on the lines below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. [1m]

_____ Ted cried.

_____ Mrs Tan teared.

_____ Ted's sister wailed.

43. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

When Mrs Tan found out what Ted had given her, she was _____. [1m]

- ☐ touched by his thoughtfulness
- ☐ sorry that Ted was a poor student
- ☐ sad that Ted had given her such an ordinary gift

Score: / 10

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YEAR : 2018
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TERM : SA1

PART 1

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

PART 2

Q20) C

Q21) F

Q22) E

Q23) D

Q24) is

Q25) trains

Q26) respect

Q27) has

Q28) A

Q29) E

Q30) G

Q31) D

Q32) C

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SECTION F

Q33) Sally was feeling tired but she went for a jog.

Q34) The prince has been living in this castle since he was born.

Q35) Neither Amy nor her sister likes fishing.

SECTION G

Q36) i: He did not complete his work.
ii: He forgot to bring his worksheets to school.

Q37) It refers to Ted's tear-stained face.

Q38) i: True
ii: False

Activities described in paragraph 2		Ted	Ted's sister
39.	claimed that the teddy bear was more adorable	✓	
40.	wanted to throw the tedy bear out of the window		✓

Q41) Speechless

Q42) 2, 3, 1

Q43) touched by his thoughtfulness

END

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Founded in 1887

MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2018
PRIMARY 4

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
(BOOKLET A)

Total Time for Booklets A, B and C: 1 h 15 min

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions.
4. Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

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Section A: Grammar (8 marks)

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.

1 "This bunch of bananas _____ ripe. You can eat it now," Mother said to Tom.

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

2 Mrs Lee was very tired because she _____ the whole day before she came home in the night.

(1) is working
(2) has worked
(3) has been working
(4) had been working

3 Shirley has a twelve year-old daughter _____ ambition is to be a dancer.

(1) who
(2) which
(3) whom
(4) whose

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4 _____ you finish your homework, you will not be allowed to play with your friends.

(1) If

(2) When

(3) Since

(4) Unless

5 "We have more than seven items in our basket, so we have to pay for our purchases at _____ counter over there," Lisa told Wen Ling.

(1) this

(2) that

(3) these

(4) those

6 "There are only _____ coins left in my purse. I do not think it is enough to buy the pencil case," Janice lamented.

(1) much

(2) many

(3) a few

(4) a little

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7 John _____joyfully when he was told that he had succeeded in his job application.

(1) shouts

(2) shouted

(3) has shouted

(4) had shouted

8 "How many of you can I depend _____ to complete the task tomorrow?" the commander asked his soldiers.

(1) at

(2) in

(3) on

(4) with

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Section B: Vocabulary (6 marks)

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 Everyone rushed to the old man's aid when he _____ sideways after being pushed by the robber.

(1) strolled

(2) stomped

(3) staggered

(4) swaggered

10 "The news is true! I got it straight from the _____," Mei Ling tried to convince her friends desperately.

(1) bull's eye

(2) lion's share

(3) hornet's nest

(4) horse's mouth

11 Fortunately, Mr Muthu's house was not burgled. His neighbour was alert and had _____ the plan of the burglar.

(1) foiled

(2) shattered

(3) concluded

(4) terminated

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12 "Are the _____ on the moon suitable for people to live in?" the journalist asked.

(1) scenarios

(2) situations

(3) conditions

(4) circumstances

13 My brother nagged my mother so much for a new bicycle that she eventually _____ to his demand.

(1) gave in

(2) gave up

(3) gave out

(4) gave away

14 The high-risk heart surgery can only be carried out by a _____ and experienced surgeon.

(1) complex

(2) competent

(3) complacent

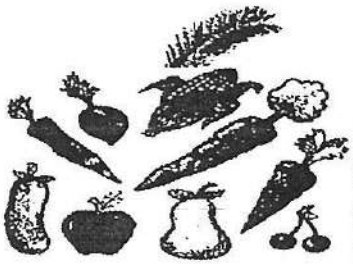
(4) competitive

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Section C: Visual Text Comprehension (5 marks)
Read the brochure carefully and answer questions 15 to 19.



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FARM CAMP
Mid-year School Holiday Camp

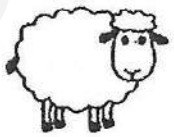
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prepared using natural and organic ingredients.

Our goal is to celebrate nutritious food and instill lifelong healthy eating habits among kids. We use natural and organic ingredients. That 's why you'll find that our dishes are made from scratch, using natural food with no preservatives and chemicals. Such food is also known as organic food. Campers will also learn how to cook a simple and healthy local dish that they can try out at home.

Daily Programme

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	Check-in
9:15 AM – 9:30 AM	Briefing
9:30 AM – 10:15 AM	Farm Chores & Activities*
10:15 AM – 12:00 PM	Cooking Class 1
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch and Recreation
1:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Cooking Class 2
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Debrief

**Activities include: swimming, rock-climbing, archery and art & craft.*



Weekly School Holiday Day Camp Programme
(Monday-Friday, 9am to 5pm)

28 May to 22 June, 2018

Week 1 – 28 May to 1 June
Week 2 – 4 June to 8 June
Week 3 – 11 June to 15 June
Week 4 – *18 June to 22 June

Programme fee will be pro-rated (4 days) as 21 June is a public holiday.



Special discount! $150 for children of resort members

Programme Fee
$200 per child

Programme fee includes:
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Healthy Lunches provided!

For more information, contact:

Palm Resort

1010 Highland Springs Avenue Palm Vale
Tel: 567 9034
www.palmresort.com/camp

To register, call 567 903 or attend our Open House on Saturday, 1 May from 2-3 pm.

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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 camp is meant for _____.

(1) adults interested in healthy eating
(2) children during their school holidays
(3) farmers interested in organic farming
(4) anyone wanting to cook a healthy dish

16 According to the brochure, organic food _____.

(1) has no preservatives
(2) has local ingredients
(3) is made from scratch
(4) is always cooked at home

17 If you join the camp in week 4 as a non-member, you will _____.

(1) pay $150 only
(2) pay $200 only
(3) pay less than $200
(4) pay more than $200

18 The camp provides _____.

(1) healthy dinners
(2) organic breakfasts
(3) camping materials to stay overnight
(4) lunches made from organic ingredients

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19 The main aim of Palm Resort Farm Camp is to help campers learn more about _____ through the weekly camp.

(1) sports
(2) farm activities
(3) healthy eating habits
(4) the secrets of home cooking

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PRIMARY 4

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Section D: 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) us	(B) they	(C) we
(D) it	(E) our	(F) my

We all dream while we sleep. Dreams are stories and images _____ minds create during sleep.
(20)

Experts say _____ dream at least four to six times every night.
(21)

Dreams can make _____ happy, sad or scared.
(22)

_____ can also seem perfectly rational or confusing. Studies have
(23)

shown that dreams are important to having a healthy mind.

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Section E: Grammar Cloze (4 marks)

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

Ron and Ryan are at a games arcade. Their parents [has / have] **(24)**

promised to let them play during the school holidays. They both [enjoy / enjoys] **(25)**

throwing balls into the hoops. Ryan also [like / likes] riding the bumper cars. **(26)**

One of their favourite things to do [is / are] **(27)** to exchange their tickets for gifts at the

redemption counter.

The boys always have fun at the arcade and look forward to the next visit.

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Section F: Sentence Combining (2 marks)

For each of the questions **28** and **29**, rewrite the given sentences using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentences.

28 Gerald goes to Apex Music School. Gerald takes piano lessons.

_____ **where** _____

_____

29 Elizabeth said, "I am going to the library with Charles now."

Elizabeth said _____

_____

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Section G: Comprehension Cloze (6 marks)

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

One wintry night, a squirrel was homeless because all the trees in the forest had shed their leaves.

The squirrel _____ (30) it difficult to bear the cold. It was in search of a place that could shelter it from the _____ (31). It ran into a hut that belonged to a lonely old man.

The old man realised that the squirrel was shivering _____ (32) cold. He extended his hand and gestured for it to climb onto his hand so he could keep it warm. The squirrel thought that the old man looked kind and carefully climbed onto the hand of the old man _____ (33) caressed it with his other hand.

The squirrel felt warm and comfortable and it soon fell asleep. _____ (34) a few hours, it woke up. The old man gave the squirrel a hot bowl of tomato soup.

The old man's kindness did not stop there. He invited the squirrel to _____ (35) with him in the hut. The squirrel agreed to it by waving its tail and nodding its head in joy. They both found friendship and lived together for a long time in the same hut.

Adapted from https://www.bedtime.com/a-squirell

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Section H: Comprehension (Selected Response) (5 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Princess Alice of England was born deaf in 1885. She learned to lip-read at a young age and could speak several languages. She later married Prince Andrew and moved to Greece. They had four children and she communicated with them in sign language. Despite being disabled, Princess Alice was not discouraged. Instead, she served God by helping people because she believed that it was God's purpose for her to do good works.

Over the years, Greece had suffered much through several wars which brought hardship to her people and to the royal family. Still, Princess Alice did many charitable works and helped the poor. Unfortunately, her husband left her and she had a nervous breakdown. Immediately, she was sent to a mental hospital against her will. She did not even get a chance to say goodbye to her children. Her youngest son, nine-year-old Philip, was shocked when he returned from a picnic and found his mother gone.

After she was discharged from the mental hospital, she worked with the Red Cross which was an organisation that provided food and shelter for orphaned children.

Princess Alice died in 1969 with no possessions as she had so generously given everything she had to the poor. To this day, she is remembered as a kind woman who lived out her faith through her good works.

The Righteous among Nations: Princess Alice of Battenburg
(Adapted and rewritten)

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36 According to the first paragraph, Princess Alice loved helping people because _____. [1m]

(1) they were poor
(2) she was a princess
(3) it was her mission in life
(4) she was afraid God would punish her ( )

37 Which word has the same meaning as disheartened? Circle (A) or (B). [1m]

Despite being disabled, Princess Alice was not discouraged.
(A) (B)

38 Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story for Princess Alice. [1m]

_____ She helped at the Red Cross.

_____ She married Prince Andrew.

_____ She was sent to a mental hospital.

For Q39 to 40, read each statement and tick (✓) either "True" or "False" The first example has been done for you. [2m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	Princess Alice was born deaf.	✓	
Q39	Prince Philip was at a picnic when his mother was taken to the mental hospital.		
Q40	Princess Alice was a selfish lady.		

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Section I: Comprehension (Open-Ended) (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions **41** to **48**.

David was a bright and well-behaved boy. His parents wanted to give him the best that life could offer. They worked very hard to provide for him, often returning home late at night while his grandmother looked after him.

When David was four years old, his grandmother suddenly passed away. With no one else left to look after David, his mother stopped working to take care of him. His mother cooked for him, cleaned up after him and took him to his enrichment classes. She doted on him so much that she even bought him an iPad so he could enjoy playing digital games. Soon, David's mother realised that she was able to complete her household chores without interruptions from David because the iPad kept him so occupied.

By the time he was six years old, David was spending more than seven hours a day on his iPad. He became so engrossed in digital games that he lost interest in all the other activities while refusing to do his homework. Consequently, he did badly in school.

David's parents knew that they had to do something to help him. They decided to take away his iPad. David reacted badly to the confiscation. He was easily irritated and his parents could not calm him down. He also became moody and could not pay attention in school. Over time, his behaviour started to deteriorate. Things became so bad that his parents took him to see Doctor Nicholas who was well-known for treating addiction among children. He explained to David's parents that too much screen time would damage a young child's developing brain and it is irreversible.

David's brain had been so badly affected that he had become a "digital addict". His parents were devastated. David had to be enrolled in Doctor Nicholas' counselling programme for six months to help him manage his addiction.

Screen time syndrome: Brain images explain why kids are moody, impulsive and can't pay attention
(Adapted and rewritten)

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41 Why did David's parents have to work very hard? [1m]

_____.

42 Pick out a **two-word** phrase from the second paragraph that tells us that David was very much loved by his mother. [1m]

43 How did getting David the iPad help his mother in the beginning? [1m]

_____

_____.

44 Based on lines 11-14, give **two** pieces of evidence to show that David was addicted to the digital games on his iPad. Give your answers in complete sentences. [2m]

_____.

_____.

45 Which **two** words from lines 15 to 22 describe David's reactions after his parents took away his iPad? [2m]

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46 What does "it" in line 22 refer to? [1m]

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_____.

For questions **47** and **48**, state whether each statement in the table is **True** or **False**. Give one reason why you think so. [2m]

	Sentence	True / False	Reason
47	David's mother stopped working to take care of him in order to control his addiction.		
48	David's parents sought help for his addiction.		

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

Booklet B

Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27
E	C	A	B	have	enjoy	likes	is

Q28 Gerald goes to Apex Music School where he takes piano lessons.

Q29 Elizabeth said she was going to the library with Charles then.

Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35
found	cold	with	who	After	stay

Booklet C

Q36 (3)

Q37 (B)

Q38 3 She helped at the Red Cross.

1 She married Prince Andrew.

2 She was sent to a mental hospital.

Q39 True

Q40 False

Q41 His parents wanted to give him the best that life could offer and worked hard to provide for him.

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Q42 | doted on |

Q43 David's mother realised that she was able to complete her household chores without interruptions from David as the iPad kept him occupied.

Q44 (i) David was spending more than seven hours a day.

(ii) He became so engrossed in digital games on his iPad that he lost interest in other activities while refusing to do his homework.

Q45 | irritated | | moody |

Q46 It refers to the damage done to a young child's developing brain.

Q47

	Sentence	True / False	Reason
Q47	David's mother stopped working to take care of him in order to control his addiction.	False	There was no one to look after him after his grandmother passed away.
Q48	David's parents sought help for his addiction.	True	Things became so bad that his parents took him to see Doctor Nicholas who was well-known for treating addiction among children.

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2018 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1
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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 _____ of wolves have been following the wounded deer for hours.

   (1) pack
   (2) pride
   (3) troop
   (4) troupe ( )

2. My mother was so amazed by my results that she almost could not _____.

   (1) break her back
   (2) go over her head
   (3) believe her eyes
   (4) bite my head off ( )

3. "For the first step, you need to slice the onions thinly," _____ the host of the cooking show.

   (1) sneered
   (2) instructed
   (3) wondered
   (4) requested ( )

4. Students need to _____ by the rules of the school.

   (1) abide
   (2) adapt
   (3) adhere
   (4) accept ( )

5. Due to a delay in the construction, the opening ceremony for the new supermarket was _____ to a later date.

   (1) put on
   (2) put off
   (3) put back
   (4) put down ( )

6. Alan and I are _____. We often share our secrets with each other.

   (1) as sound as bells
   (2) as thick as thieves
   (3) as sober as judges
   (4) as cool as cucumbers ( )

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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 boys found _____ lost in the forest after straying from the trail.
   (1) himself
   (2) herself
   (3) ourselves
   (4) themselves ( )

8. Last week, James _____ late for school twice.
   (1) is
   (2) was
   (3) are
   (4) were ( )

9. My parents _____ delighted when they won the grand prize at the lucky draw.
   (1) is
   (2) was
   (3) are
   (4) were ( )

10. "Keep very still! The lion _____ for its prey now," the safari guide whispered.
   (1) hunt
   (2) hunts
   (3) hunted
   (4) is hunting ( )

11. Last year, our form teacher _____ for a trip to the Amazon rainforest.
   (1) goes
   (2) went
   (3) has gone
   (4) was going ( )

12. While I _____ a nap, someone rang my doorbell.
   (1) take
   (2) takes
   (3) will take
   (4) was taking ( )

13. _____ pile of clothes in the cupboard here is to be donated to charity.
   (1) That
   (2) This
   (3) Those
   (4) These ( )

14. As Mr Tan's family is poor, they have _____ money to spend on luxuries.
   (1) few
   (2) little
   (3) many
   (4) much ( )

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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) I	(B) it	(C) its
(D) me	(E) us	(F) we

Ruby is my neighbour and my best friend. Both of (15) _____ enjoy playing together. Most days, (16) _____ would even walk to school together.

One morning, Ruby and (17) _____ found a small dog barking at us from a little cage along the street. She guessed that the dog had been abandoned by (18) _____ owner. We then decided to adopt it. Ruby even made a hole in the fence between our houses so that the dog could go into both our homes easily. She is such a clever girl!

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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.*

A tall tale is a type of story which exaggerates the facts of an event. For example, some fishermen who (19) [return / returns] from sea empty-handed might claim that the fishes they caught were so big that they had to release them.

Others (20) [tell / tells] unbelievable stories based on real people they met. A famous tall tale (21) [is / are] based on the true story of an American explorer named Daniel Boone People (22) [claim / claims] that he fought bears with his bare hands while exploring the forests. This is obviously untrue, but it shows the admiration that people had for him due to his bravery.

(Adapted from: Wikipedia.org/Tall Tales)

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SECTION E: EDITING (6 x 1) marks

Each of the underlined words contains either a grammatical error or a spelling error. Put the correct word in each of the boxes.

Roald Amundsen was a Norwegian explorer who was the first man to reach the South Pole. He was born in 1872 and both his parents were shipowners and sailors. However, his parents did not want him to join the family bisness as they knew that it was a very danger profession. Roald followed his parents' wishes and studied to be a doctor. However, after his mother's death when he was 21, he quit his studies to become a sailor.

(23) [ ]

(24) [ ]

After more than ten years of training under different captains, Roald decided to plan for his first expirdition to the Poles. Unfortunately, as he was about to leave for the North Pole in 1909, he recived news that another explorer, Robert Peary, had already become the first person to reach the North Pole. Roald had no choice but to plan for a mission to reach the more difficult South Pole.

(25) [ ]

(26) [ ]

Roald used many brilliant strategies to reach the South Pole safely, such as setting up many food drops along the way and using sled dogs instead on horses to carry supplies. On 14 January 1911, Roald set up camp to prepare from his journey. Finally, on 14 December 1911, Roald and his team reached the South Pole. He became so famous that many Norwegian parents named their children after him, including Roald Dahl's parents!

(27) [ ]

(28) [ ]

(Adapted from: Britannica.com/Roald Amundsen)

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

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).

29. My brother has been exercising regularly. He wants to lose weight.

_____ in order to

_____

30. The police officer helped the little girl to find her parents. The little girl was lost.

_____ who

_____

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SECTION G: COMPREHENSION 1 (10 marks)

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

Hawker centres are places in Singapore where everyone can enjoy affordable and delectable food. Since the founding of modern Singapore in 1819, street food stands were common across the island. However, many of these stands were uncovered and unhygienic. By the 1920s, the local government and community decided to create simple shelters to house these stalls to create an early form of a hawker centre.

Even though these shelters were set up, many hawkers refused to move into the hawker centres as they did not want to pay rent. They continued selling their food on the streets. Often, they would throw their food waste and other rubbish in the drains along the streets. This unhygienic practice resulted in attracting many pests such as cockroaches and rats, and it spread many diseases in Singapore such as cholera and typhoid.

During the 1960s, street hawkers were banned from selling food in most streets in Singapore due to the pollution they were causing. The government then began to build many hawker centres to house these hawkers, at an average of five new hawker centres a year. By the 1970s, most of these hawkers then decided to close their street stalls to move into hawker centres as Singaporeans preferred to dine in cleaner and more comfortable environments.

Today, many of the best food in Singapore can be found in these hawker centres. Tourists from all over the world travel to Singapore to try its world-famous cuisine not in posh restaurants, but in its humble hawker centres. In fact, two stalls in our hawker centres are the only street food vendors in the world to receive a Michelin star, which is an international award usually given to only the best restaurants in the world.

Adapted from NLB, NEA and Roots.sg

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31. Which word has the same meaning as 'inexpensive'? (1m)

Circle either (A) or (B).

Hawker centres are places in Singapore where everyone can enjoy **affordable** (A) and **delectable** (B) food.

32. Tick √ your chosen answer.

According to the text, which is NOT a common pest found near street food stalls? (1m)

- ☐ cockroaches
- ☐ birds
- ☐ rats

33. Most hawkers began to move to hawker centres by the _____. (1m)

(1) 1820s
(2) 1920s
(3) 1960s
(4) 1970s ( )

34. How many stalls in Singapore's hawker centres have received a Michelin star? (1m)

(1) One
(2) Two
(3) Three
(4) Five ( )

35. Hawkers did not have to pay rent in a hawker centre. (1m)

Circle the correct answer. True / False

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36. Name a disease caused by unhygienic street food stalls (1m)

37. According to the passage, list down two reasons why Singaporeans preferred to eat at hawker centres instead of street food stalls

1) _____ (1m)

2) _____ (1m)

38. Which word from the last paragraph has the same meaning as "simple"? (1m)

39. Before the 1960s, street hawkers were not allowed to sell food in most streets in Singapore. (1m)

Circle the correct answer. True / False

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SECTION H: COMPREHENSION 2 (10 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer questions 40 to 44.

Mary came home to the sweet aroma of freshly-baked cookies. She quickly ran into the kitchen, only to discover that her younger brother, Tom, had baked a batch of cookies. Tom had never shown any interest in baking and she pinched herself to confirm that she was not dreaming.

"Tom, why are you baking cookies?" asked Mary.

"I am practicing for the school's junior chef competition. I saw the poster yesterday and the prize is a free ticket to a theme park," replied Tom excitedly.

Mary had seen the poster for the competition last week, and she had also made up her mind to take part in it. She was confident that she would win the challenge as she had attended many cooking classes over the years, and she cooked regularly for her family. However, when she saw Tom's plate of perfectly-formed cookies, and sniffed the irresistible smell, her confidence began to wane.

"Can I try one?" asked Mary, hoping that the cookies would taste much worse than they looked or smelled. Tom nodded and Mary put a cookie into her mouth. Instantly, the cookie melted in her mouth and she tasted what was possibly the best-tasting cookie she had ever had. The delightful experience soon turned into fear and jealousy, as Mary realised that Tom would win the competition.

"How's the cookie? Is it good?" Tom asked with great anticipation in his voice. Mary shook her head. Immediately, Tom's head began to lower and he poured the whole plate of cookies into the rubbish bin. Mary was overjoyed as her closest competitor had given up on the competition. As Mary walked back into her room, she could hear Tom sobbing pitifully in the kitchen. Her heart began to sink and she regretted what she had done.

"I am sorry I lied about the cookies. They were perfect, and they were far better than I could ever make them. You will definitely win the competition," Mary apologised, "come, let's bake another batch! Those cookies are so great!"

A smile returned to Tom's face and together, they made the next batch of cookies even better. Winning the competition was now a sure thing!

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

40. Why did Mary think that she was dreaming when she entered the kitchen? (2m)

_____

_____

41. Why did Mary think that she would win the junior chef competition? (2m)

_____

_____

42. List <u>two</u> reasons why Mary thought that Tom's cookies would win the competition. (2m)

1)_____

2)_____

43. Write 1, 2, 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred. (1m)

_____ Tom saw the poster for the competition.

_____ Mary saw the poster for the competition.

_____ Mary attended cooking classes.

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44. Based on the passage, state whether each statement is true or false. Then give your reason. (3x1m)

Statement	True/False	Reason
(a) Tom wanted to take part in the school's junior chef competition because he enjoyed baking.		
(b) Tom believed Mary when she said the cookies were terrible.		
(c) Tom forgave Mary in the end.		

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ANSWER KEY

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SCHOOL : NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUBJECT : ENGLISH
TERM : SA1
PAPER : 2

SECTION A and B

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

SECTION C

Q15) E

Q16) F

Q17) A

Q18) C

SECTION D

Q19) return

Q20) tell

Q21) is

Q22) claim

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SECTION E

Q23) business

Q24) dangerous

Q25) expedition

Q26) received

Q27) of

Q28) for

SECTION F

Q29) My brother has been exercising regularly in order to lose weight.

Q30) The police officer helped the little girl who was lost to find her parents.

SECTION G

Q31) A (Affordable)

Q32) birds

Q33) 4

Q34) 2

Q35) False

Q36) typhoid

Q37)

1. **Singaporeans preferred to eat in cleaner environments.**
2. **Singaporeans preferred to eat in more comfortable environments.**

Q38) humble

Q39) False

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SECTION H

Q40) Mary thought that she was dreaming as she saw her younger brother who had never shown interest in baking had just baked a batch of cookies.

Q41) Mary thought that she would win the junior chef competition as she had attended man cooking classes over the years and had regularly cooked for the family.

Q42)

1. The cookies melted in Mary's mouth and they were the best cookies Mary had ever tasted.

2. Tom's plate of cookies were perfectly formed and had an irresistible smell.

Q43) 3 → Tom saw the poster for the competition.

2 → Mary saw the poster for the competition.

1 → Mary attended cooking classes.

44)

Statement	True/False	Reason
(a) Tom wanted to take part in the school's junior chef competition because he enjoyed baking.	False	He wanted to win a ticket to the theme park.
(b) Tom believed Mary when she said the cookies were terrible.	True	He poured the whole plate of cookies into rubbish bin.
(c) Tom forgave Mary in the end.	True	A smile returned to Tom's face.

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NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2018

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY FOUR

BOOKLET B: LANGUAGE USE & COMPREHENSION

Date: 2 May 2018, Wednesday
Duration for Booklet B: 1 hour 15 minutes

Name: _____ ( ) Class: Pr 4 ( )

Parent's Signature: _____

Booklet A : Listening Comprehension	/14
Booklet B : Language Use & Comprehension	/50
Writing	/20
TOTAL	**/84**

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PART 1
SECTION A: GRAMMAR (6 x 1 m = 6 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. The student had _____ more questions to ask her teacher, so she went to look for him during recess.

   (1) no
   (2) little
   (3) many
   (4) much

2. Mrs Tan asked her son to go to school by _____.

   (1) myself
   (2) herself
   (3) himself
   (4) yourself

3. I _____ my grandmother every weekend.

   (1) visit
   (2) visits
   (3) visited
   (4) was visiting

4. "Are you _____ to my party next week?" asked my friend.

   (1) come
   (2) came
   (3) comes
   (4) coming

5. Meili shows _____ interest in her studies. She spends most of her time playing video games.

   (1) few
   (2) little
   (3) more
   (4) much

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6. While leaving for work yesterday morning, Mrs Tham _____ her helper what to prepare for dinner that evening.

(1) tell
(2) told
(3) tells
(4) telling

SECTION B: VOCABULARY (8 x 1 m = 8 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).

7. "Do not _____ the secret," warned my best friend sternly.

(1) give in
(2) give up
(3) give off
(4) give away

8. The shelves in the garden are very _____. They did not topple over when I accidentally bumped into them.

(1) firm
(2) stout
(3) bulky
(4) sturdy

9. Valerie and her friends _____ across the river on their boats so that they could take a closer look at the rare animal.

(1) swam
(2) strolled
(3) trekked
(4) paddled

10. The children received _____ for all their effort put into the project.

(1) inspection
(2) recognition
(3) observation
(4) consideration

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11. The hotel guest was _____ with the service provided so he filed a complaint.

(1) dissatisfied
(2) discouraged
(3) disapproving
(4) disagreeable

12. To make good cupcakes, you need to measure the ingredients _____.

(1) fully
(2) neatly
(3) clearly
(4) accurately

13. It is a pupil's _____ to complete his homework and hand it in punctually.

(1) ability
(2) priority
(3) capability
(4) responsibility

14. The actress _____ herself with a wig and a mole to avoid her fans.

(1) covered
(2) disguised
(3) concealed
(4) camouflaged

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PART 2
SECTION C: GRAMMAR CLOZE (8 X 1m = 8 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 A WORD ONCE ONLY.

A)	he	B)	her	C)	I
D)	it	E)	she	F)	they

Passage 1

Mrs Tan took her son to a fast food restaurant for lunch. (15) _____ asked what he would like to eat. (16) _____ son replied hungrily "Please, may (17) _____ have a burger?" However, Mrs Tan thought that (18) _____ was not healthy and suggested having chicken salad instead. Her son agreed reluctantly.

Passage 2

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

It is hard to avoid food advertisements on television. Do you (19) [knows / know] that children watch nearly twelve food advertisements each day? Most of them (20) [does / do] not advertise healthy food. Instead, they advertise fast food, sugary drinks and cereal. A study (21) [has / have] shown that these advertisements can (22) [affects / affect] what children choose to eat. That in turn leads to an increase in childhood obesity.

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SECTION D: SENTENCE-COMBINING (4 X 2m = 8 marks)

For each of the questions from 23 to 26, combine the sentences to make **one** sentence using the word (s) given. The meaning of the sentences must be the same as the sentences given.

23. You may leave the classroom. You need a break.

If _____

_____.

24. Marie did not bring an umbrella. She was drenched in the downpour.

_____ since

_____.

25. The dog is missing. It belongs to my neighbour.

_____ that _____

_____

26. Thomas enjoys swimming. However, he enjoys playing computer games more.

_____ prefers

_____.

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SECTION E: COMPREHENSION (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Cathy had just arrived in Africa to start her new job and join her husband who was working there. She got off the taxi ride near her hostel. Putting her haversack between her legs, she unloaded her larger piece of luggage from the boot.

Out of the blue, a motorcycle with two men approached her slowly. Without warning, one of the men grabbed her haversack as the motorcycle sped off. It had contained Cathy's passport and money. She ran after the motorcycle, but the men soon disappeared into one of the alleys. With a sigh, she made her way to the hostel.

Just then, an old man approached Cathy. She looked at him warily, fearing that her luggage would be taken away aggressively. Looking away from him, she quickened her pace. He caught up with her and cried with outstretched hands, "Money! Money!" She had enough. She told him firmly in French, "I have no money. A thief just stole all my money. I cannot give you anything."

The beggar listened attentively and pondered over her words. Then, he reached into his trousers. "I will give you money instead," he declared. Kindly, he placed an old, brown coin into Cathy's palm. She looked at it in shock. In spite of his poverty, he still chose to give what he needed the most.

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27. Why did Cathy go to Africa? [2m]

_____

_____

28. What does 'It' in line 6 refer to in the passage? [1m]

For questions 29 to 30, tick (✓) to indicate the person who did the following actions. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

		beggar	taxi driver	motorcyclist
Example	**He drove Cathy to the hostel.**		✓	
29.	He took Cathy's valuables.			
30.	He gave Cathy something that was valuable to him.			

31. Fill in the boxes with 1, 2, 3 and 4 to indicate the order of events that took place in the story. [1m]

	The motorcycle disappeared into one of the alleys.
	Cathy tried to get her passport and money back.
	The beggar caught up with Cathy.
	Cathy was walking towards the hostel.

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

She looked at him **warily** (A), fearing that her luggage would be taken away **aggressively** (B).

33. Why did the old man run after Cathy? Tick (✓) the correct answer. [1m]

	He wanted to help her.
	He wanted to ask her for money.
	He wanted to take her luggage away.

For questions 34 to 35, tick (✓) to indicate if each statement is true or false.
The first example has been done for you. [2m]

		True	False
Example	**The old man was poor.**	✓	
34.	Cathy walked away quickly because she did not want to lose anything else.		
35.	The old man did not care about the fact that Cathy had been robbed.		

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

The frog was only half dead. Gertie grabbed it, ran into the house and headed to the kitchen at once. Laying the frog on the kitchen counter, she opened one of the drawers that held the kitchen utensils.

"Found it!" Gertie yelled and pumped her fist in the air. She then wiggled her index finger between the frog's mouth before poking a stiff straw into it. She blew hard into the straw, hoping that the frog would come back to life. Almost immediately, it jerked, then sprang towards the edge of the kitchen counter. Gertie moved quickly and managed to cup her hands around it.

"Are you ready for school?" Aunt Rae yelled at that moment. Within seconds, her aunt's head appeared at the doorway. "Why are you holding on to a frog? Get rid of the creature at once!" Aunt Rae's voice trembled and she turned pale.

Gertie beamed proudly and exclaimed, I have just brought it back to life!"

"Why did you bother doing that?" asked Aunt Rae. Without waiting for her reply, Aunt Rae said firmly, "We leave for school in five minutes." Then, she walked to the living room.

Gertie shook her head. Her aunt would never understand. On the first day of school, each student had to stand in front of their classmates and share the most interesting thing that had happened during the holidays. Until she found the frog, she had not known what she could talk about.

Without wasting a moment, Gertie put the frog and some wet leaves in a shoe box. Then, she secured the lid on top of the box with a long string.

With her sharing based on her **recent success**, Gertie was confident that she would be the most interesting speaker in her class.

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Answer these questions.

36. Where did Gertie find the straw?

_____

_____

37. Why did Gertie cup her hands around the frog?

_____

_____

38. Why did Aunt Rae order Gertie to take the frog away?

_____

_____

39. Why was Gertie excited to see Aunt Rae?

_____

_____

40. What was Gertie's "**recent success**" (line 22)?

_____

_____

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ANSWER KEY

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LEVEL : PRIMARY 4
SCHOOL : NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUBJECT : ENGLISH LANGUAGE
TERM : SA1 (BOOKLET B)

SECTION A

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

SECTION B

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

SECTION C

Q15) E Q16) B Q17) C Q18) D

Q19) know Q20) do Q21) has Q22) affect

SECTION D

Q23) If you need a break, you may leave the classroom.

Q24) Marie was drenched in the downpour since she did not bring an umbrella.

Q25) The dog that belongs to my neighbour is missing.

Q26) Thomas prefers playing computer games to swimming.

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SECTION E

Q27) She went to Africa to start a new job and join her husband who was working there.

Q28) Cathy's haversack.

Q29) motorcyclist

Q30) beggar

Q31) 2, 1, 4, 3

Q32) A

Q33) He wanted to ask her for money.

Q34) True

Q35) False

SECTION F

Q36) Gertie found the straw in one of the drawers that held the kitchen utensils.

Q37) She did not want the frog to jump away as she wanted to tal about it in school.

Q38) Aunt Rae was scared of the frog.

Q39) Gertie wanted Aunt Rae to see that she had brought a frog back to life.

Q40) Gertie's "recent success" was saving the frog.

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

2018

Sections A to C	24
Sections D to G	26
Total	50
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Name : _____ **Class: P4**____**Index No:** _____

3 May 2018 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. My sister had her breakfast in the kitchen, while Dad and I had _____ in the dining room.

   (1) his
   (2) hers
   (3) ours
   (4) mine

2. Jane and Dolly are not even sisters, but they look alike. Sometimes it is so difficult to distinguish one _____ the other.

   (1) on
   (2) off
   (3) from
   (4) apart

3. Please make sure that you have time to reread and edit your work _____ handing it in to your teacher.

   (1) after
   (2) since
   (3) during
   (4) before

4. Tammy is the _____ of the twins.

   (1) pretty
   (2) prettily
   (3) prettier
   (4) prettiest

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5. The horse _____ its tail to chase away the fly that was buzzing around it.

(1) swish
(2) swishes
(3) swished
(4) swishing

6. I have never tasted baked crabs _____ but my parents say that they taste delicious.

(1) itself
(2) myself
(3) ourselves
(4) themselves

7. "You cannot understand the agony that Reanne is going through, _____ you?" I asked Molly.

(1) can
(2) can't
(3) could
(4) couldn't

8. Have you ever _____ across such an unreasonable person?

(1) come
(2) came
(3) comes
(4) coming

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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. Wang Jing's face turned as _____ as a sheet when she saw plumes of smoke bellowing from the classrooms.

(1) black
(2) white
(3) green
(4) yellow

10. Shandy is depressed as she has to _____ with her sister's tough demands every day.

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

11. Tom and his brother were severely _____ as they misbehaved at their aunt's wedding.

(1) chided
(2) cajoled
(3) consulted
(4) commended

12. Saachi is a/an _____ chef who could come up with the most remarkable dish using ordinary ingredients.

(1) studious
(2) notorious
(3) ingenious
(4) appetising

13. The old man praised Janice for being a _____ girl, going out of her way to help him cross the road.

(1) dainty
(2) humble
(3) peaceful
(4) considerate

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14. During the inter-school dance competition, the _____ in the concert hall applauded to show their support.

(1) audience
(2) onlookers
(3) spectators
(4) bystanders

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Section C: Comprehension 1 [10 marks]

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

A new litter of otter pups has been spotted frolicking with the Bishan otter family. At least six pups have been spotted, bringing the total number of members in the famous Bishan family to sixteen, veteran otter watcher, Jeffery Teo, told The Straits Times.

Richard Lee took photographs of the new pups and he posted them on Facebook. He said that he saw seven new pups but one was believed to have died since.

With the main objective of providing a better understanding of the otters, otter community page, OtterWatch, launches talks to help the public learn about the otters and their living environment. It also discusses how the public has responded to these mammals as their population increases.

Online stories of the otters have drawn many comments from readers who have expressed concern at the growth of the population which has grown up to more than sixty now, as told by National University of Singapore biology lecturer, N. Sivasothi, who heads OtterWatch. However, **he** stressed that the growth of the otter population depends on the availability of food and competition for food.

"Pups are lost during movement between locations, individuals are killed by traffic and entanglement, others disperse in search of new territories and mates," he said. He further added, "Reduced prey availability due to rising population will limit litter size and growth, which is why otters, like other carnivores, defend their territories against other otter families."

Mr Sivasothi noted how the Marina Bay otter family has lost its battle for territory to the Bishan otter family. They are now being pushed beyond their territory and losing at least two pups in this territorial battle.

Adapted from **www.straitstimes.com.sg**

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Answer the following questions based on the passage.

15. Which word in **paragraph 1** tells us that the pups were playing in a cheerful and lively way? [1m]

16. Who posted the news of the new addition to the Bishan otter family on Facebook? [1m]

17. Tick your chosen answer based on the passage. [1m]
OtterWatch provides talks to mainly help the public to _____.

- [ ] control the population of the otters
- [ ] have a better understanding of otters
- [ ] take better care of the otter pups

18. Tick your chosen answer

Who does the word **"he"** in **paragraph 4** refer to? [1m]

- [ ] N. Sivasothi
- [ ] Jeffery Teo
- [ ] Richard Lee

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19. For question 19, read each statement and tick (✓) "True" or "False". Refer to the passage to help you [3m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	**There are several factors affecting the size of the otter population.**	✓	
(a)	The Bishan otter family has sixteen members now.		
(b)	Readers are not concerned about the growth in the otter population.		
(c)	All otter pups are killed by traffic accidents.		

Answer question 20 in a complete sentence.

20. In the last paragraph, which otter family has gained new territory? [1m]

_____

_____

21 State two results mentioned in the passage that happened during the territorial battles between the two otter families. [2m]

i. _____

ii. _____

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RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

2018

Sections D to G	26
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Name : _____ **Class: P4**____**Index No:** _____

3 May 2018 ENGLISH (PART 2) Duration: 1 h 15 min (Part 1 and 2)

Section D: Vocabulary Cloze [8 X1 mark]

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to M) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) crops	(B) deliver	(C) extensively
(D) harmful	(E) narrowly	(F) leftovers
(G) lure	(H) mass	(J) plump
(K) puny	(L) sensation	(M) tasteful

Thailand's free-roaming monkeys are a huge tourist draw. The monkeys, mostly macaques, are known to boldly go to tourists who 22) _____ them with food. One of these monkeys, in particular, has recently become a worldwide 23) _____ because of his enormous size.

Nicknamed Uncle Fat, the 24) _____ macaque is often seen seeking handouts of junk food from visitors or foraging for 25) _____ in trash cans. Smaller primates also 26) _____ food to Uncle Fat on a regular basis.

While Uncle Fat's unhealthy eating habits that have been shared 27) _____ on social media have been amusing to humans, they are proving 28) _____ for him. About three times the 29) _____ of an average adult macaque, he now weighs twenty-six kilograms. Fearing for Uncle Fat's health, he was soon caught and sent to a rehabilitation centre.

Thailand's Famous Macaque "Uncle Fat" Placed On A Diet! Sarah Benton Feitlinger on May 28, 2017

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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

(A) after	(B) to	(C) from
(D) on	(E) for	(F) with

There is a long queue of traffic waiting for the lights to change. Some inconsiderate pedestrians take their time to cross (30)_____ the other side.

There is a food centre on that side of the road which houses several stalls. It is sometimes packed (31)_____ elderly men and women having their tea-time break. They enjoy talking about their day and sharing the latest news in the block. It is a conducive place (32) _____ their social interaction.

A stone's throw away (33) _____the food centre is the supermarket. It is usually crowded.

Section F: Grammar Cloze 2 [4X1 mark]

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

Yesterday, Julie was waiting at the bus stop when she noticed a man staring at her. She (34) [becomes / became] suspicious of him and boarded the next bus that came along.

The man followed her onto the bus and continued to (35) [stare / stares] at her. Soon, Julie reached her destination and she (36) [gets / got] off the bus. She ran home as quickly as her legs (37) [can / could] carry her. She heaved a sigh of relief when she got home safely.

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Section G: Comprehension 2 [10 marks]

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Head chef Benson, is renowned for his culinary skills. His innovative dishes include Masai Pasta and Wilderness Chocolate Cake. A self-taught chef, Benson's story is an inspiring one of someone who reads cookbooks to follow his passion of becoming a professional chef.

Although Benson grew up in Koiyaki town where free education was provided, he was unable to pursue further studies after completing his primary school education. When Benson's father fell very ill, his family used up all their money to pay for his medical bills. Hence, being the eldest child in the family, he had to take up the responsibility of supporting his family.

To take care of the needs of his family and siblings, Benson got a job as a security guard at Wilderness Camp. Although he worked as a guard, he wanted to pursue his love for cooking. During his free time, he would read through a cookbook titled "Kitchen Stories" that he carried around the camp.

Benson's interest was obvious enough and **it** prompted Annete, a former camp manager, to ask him why he kept reading the same book. When Benson shared his love for cooking, Annete decided to help Benson by asking him to help out in the kitchen.

Starting off in the kitchen as a helper was a turning point for Benson. Though things were difficult at first, he did not see failure as a barrier to success. He was always learning from his mistakes. Thus, he rose through the ranks to become a head chef at Basecamp.

Adapted from "A SELF-MADE SUCCESS STORY BY CHEF BENSON" by In KENYA

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Answer the following questions based on the passage.

38. Name **one** of Chef Benson's creative dish. [1m]

Answer question 39 in a complete sentence.

39. Why was Benson unable to further his studies after completing his primary school education? [2m]

40. What does the word "it" in paragraph 4 refer to? [1m]

41. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the boxes below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. [1m]

Annete discovered Benson's passion in cooking	
Benson started work at the camp as a security guard	
Benson was offered to work in the kitchen of Wilderness Camp.	

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For Q 42-44, read each statement. Tick ✓ "True" or "False" and give a reason for your answer based on information from the passage. The first example has been done for you.[3m]

	Statement	True	False	Reason
Example	Benson was the youngest child in the family		✓	Benson was the oldest child in his family.
42.	Benson learnt his culinary skills from Annete.			
43.	Benson was passionate about being a guard at Wilderness Camp.			
44.	Annete supported Benson's passion in cooking.			

45. Based on the last paragraph, what were the two qualities that helped Benson to be promoted to the rank of a head chef? [2m]

i. _____

ii. _____

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ANSWER KEY

YEAR : 2018
LEVEL : PRIMARY 4
SCHOOL : RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY
SUBJECT : ENGLISH
TERM : SA1

SECTION A AND B

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

SECTION C

Q15) frolicking

Q16) Richard Lee

Q17) have a better understanding of the otters

Q18) N. Sivasothi

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Q19)

Statement		True	False
Example	There are several factors affecting the size of the otter population.	✓	
(a)	The Bishan otter family has sixteen members now.	✓	
(b)	Readers are not concerned about the growth in the otter population.		✓
(c)	All otter pups are killed by traffic accidents.		✓

Q20) The Bishan otter family has gained a new territory.

Q21i) Marina Bay's otter family lost at least two pups.

Q21ii) Marina Bay's otter family was pushed beyond its territory.

SECTION D

Q22) G (lure)

Q23) L (sensation)

Q24) J (plump)

Q25) F (leftovers)

Q26) B (deliver)

Q27) C (extensively)

Q28) D (harmful)

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Q29) H (mass)

SECTION E

Q30) B (to)

Q31) F (with)

Q32) E (for)

Q33) C (from)

SECTION F

Q34) became

Q35) stare

Q36) got

Q37) could

SECTION G

Q38) Masai pasta

Q39) Benson's family used up the money paying for his father's medical bill and thus he had to take on the role of supporting his family.

Q40) Benson's interest in cooking

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Q41)

Annete discovered Benson's passion in cooking	2
Benson started work at the cmap as a security guard	1
Benson was offered to work in the kitchen of wilderness camp.	3

	Statement	True	False	Reason
Example	Benson was the youngest child in the family		✓	Benson was the oldest child in his family
42.	Benson learnt his culinary skills from Annete.		✓	Benson was a self-taught chef.
43.	Benson was passionate about being a guard at the Wilderness		✓	Although Benson worked as a guard, he wanted to pursue his love for cooking.
44.	Annete supported Benson's passion in cooking.	✓		When Benson shared his love for cooking, Annete decided to help Benson by asking him to help out in the kitchen.

Q45i) He was always learning from his mistakes.

Q45ii) He did not see failure as a barrier to success.

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SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL

FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2018

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY FOUR

Name: _____ ( ) Date: 4 May 2018

Class: Primary 4 SY / C / G / SE / P

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET A

16 questions

16 marks

Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 15 minutes

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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. The steak that I had ordered was _____. It was difficult to chew.

   (1) tough
   (2) rough
   (3) gentle
   (4) tender

2. Jade could accept her teacher's feedback well as it was put across to her very _____.

   (1) quickly
   (2) tactfully
   (3) hesitantly
   (4) effortlessly

3. Tommy _____ a brand of sunblock lotion to his classmate to purchase for the camp.

   (1) refused
   (2) declined
   (3) accepted
   (4) recommended

4. To prepare for the marathon, Rachel had to _____ many days of practice and training.

   (1) put in
   (2) put up
   (3) put out
   (4) put about

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5. Jane's hope of being the lead dancer in the concert was _____ when she hurt her ankle.

(1) dashed
(2) deleted
(3) disputed
(4) disappeared

6. The tourists find the _____ of the durian so pungent that they would avoid the fruit at all cost.

(1) colour
(2) shape
(3) smell
(4) spikes

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. The toddler responded to his mother's demands _____ throwing a huge tantrum.

(1) in
(2) by
(3) with
(4) until

8. The injured monitress decided that she could carry the bag _____ and refused her classmates' offer of help.

(1) herself
(2) oneself
(3) ourselves
(4) themselves

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9. Mr Lee pointed at the car across the road and exclaimed, "I drove _____ model when I was twenty-one years old!"

(1) this
(2) that
(3) these
(4) those

10. "Anya, _____ you want some biscuits?" asked her brother.

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

11. You _____ submit your assignment today. Mrs Lee would not agree to an extension of the deadline.

(1) can
(2) must
(3) shall
(4) might

12. By the time Mother reached the shop, there were not _____ designs left for her to select.

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

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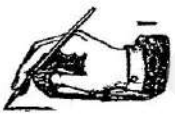
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Section C: Visual Text

Study the following flyer and answer questions 13 to 16.

Creative Writing Workshop 2018



The Creative Writing Workshop is back again!
Join us this June for a 3-day writing workshop to ignite your creative juices and write like a professional!

The improved version of the writing workshop is more interactive than before. Under the guidance of local authors, your children will definitely be inspired and gain confidence in creative writing. The best piece of writing will be published in the "Power in Writing" magazine.

Date: 10 – 12 June
Venue: Jade & Gold Hotel
Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Fees: $120 (cash or cheque)

Free writing kit for all participants!



Highlight of the workshop!

Who is it for?

Anyone who

- is 9 to 12 years old
- has an interest in writing

Guest speaker, Tan Rou Ling (author of Harry Popiah), Enid B. Tang (author of The Famous Five Stones) and Ronald Deng (author of Jenny and the Giant Durian) will share valuable tips and their journey as writers in Singapore.

Register with us at www.creativeminds.com.sg by 1 May 2018.
Call us at 62252018 for any enquiries.

The first 30 who register will receive an autographed book by renowned author, Tan Rou Ling.

Organiser: Creative Minds Limited
Proudly sponsored by: Power In Writing Limited

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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 (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (4 marks)

13. The main objective of this flyer is to _____.

(1) encourage people to write more
(2) encourage people to support local authors
(3) attract people who can write like professionals
(4) attract people to participate in the writing workshop

14. The organiser of the workshop is _____.

(1) Tan Rou Ling
(2) Jade & Gold Hotel
(3) Creative Minds Limited
(4) Power In Writing Limited

15. The participant with the best essay will _____.

(1) win a free writing kit
(2) visit the Jade & Gold Hotel
(3) win books by three local authors who are guest speakers
(4) have their work published in the "Power In Writing" magazine

16. Which of the following statements is **true** based on the flyer?

(1) There are two ways to pay for the workshop.
(2) You can call 62252018 to register for the workshop.
(3) Anyone who has an interest in writing can register for the workshop.
(4) You can obtain Tan Rou Ling's book if you register for the workshop.

END OF BOOKLET A

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SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL

FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2018

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY FOUR

Name: _____ ( ) Date: 4 May 2018

Class: Primary 4 SY / C / G / SE / P Parent's Signature: _____

	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

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Answer all questions.

Write your answers in this booklet.

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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) above	(B) against	(C) along
(D) onto	(E) under	(F) upon

My family and I enjoy trekking in the jungles at nature reserves. Usually, we will don our gear before we walk (17) _____ a path to reach the jungle. Before long, we will find ourselves comfortable (18) _____ the cool shade of huge trees. We really enjoy the feeling of the cool breeze blowing (19) _____ our faces. It is a bonus if there are also birds chirping (20) _____ us. We love being close to nature.

Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets. (4 marks)

A wild boar was hit by a car yesterday on the expressway. The driver did not (21) [notice / notices] something ahead of his car. The (22) [force / forces] of the collision was so strong that the animal collapsed on the ground immediately. All (23) [effort / efforts] to save the animal were in vain. (24) [This / These] accident was unfortunate. The driver was very affected and wished it was just a dream.

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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)

answers	best	choose	different
encourage	questions	types	worst

Nutrition for children is important for their growth. Everyone needs many (25) _____ of nutrients. The (26) _____ way to fuel your child's growth is to consider nutrient-rich foods.

To get sufficient protein, it is recommended to (27) _____ seafood, lean meat, eggs, beans and seeds. For vitamins and fibre, (28) _____ (29) _____ vegetables of various colours.

If you have (30) _____ about nutrition for children, talk to your child's doctor. They are in the best position to advise you.

Source: https://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle/childrens-health/in-depth/nutrition-for-kids

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Section F: Sentence Combining

For each of the questions from 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. Joy did not know the way to the bus stop. She asked a passer-by for help.

Since _____

_____

32. We want to have a class party. Our class must win the singing competition.

_____ if

_____

33. Ray can choose to take a bus. He can choose to take a taxi.

_____ either

_____

34. The lady is wearing a dress. She is my teacher.

_____ who

_____

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Section G: Comprehension (Short Response)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 35 to 39. (6 marks)

Maui dreamt of the day that he could go fishing with his older brothers. Each time they returned from a fishing trip, Maui would ask if he could join them on their next trip. However, Maui's brothers would always tell him that he was too young and of no help. Maui decided that he would prove to them that he was not young anymore. Secretly, he hatched a plan to prove himself and began weaving a strong fishing line.

Early next morning, Maui took his fishing line and hid in the hull of his brothers' canoe. Maui's brothers became aware that the canoe was much heavier than usual but none of the brothers noticed Maui hiding in the hull. When the anchor was dropped, Maui knew they were too far from land to return. Maui revealed himself to his brothers' surprise.

They were angry with Maui and blamed him for having no catch that morning. Maui spoke up and challenged them to fishing. The brothers laughed and threw their lines into the water confidently. Instantly, they began catching fish. In no time, the canoe was full and they were delighted with their catch.

When it was Maui's turn to fish, his brothers laughed at his fishing line. Unfazed, Maui stood at the front of the canoe and spun his line out to sea. Maui's line went suddenly taut. The brothers held tightly to the side of the canoe as they began to speed across the ocean. They begged Maui to cut the line as they thought they would drown. Instead, Maui held tightly to his line and slowly, a giant fish was pulled to the surface.

The brothers were amazed at what they saw. They begged Maui for forgiveness. Maui finally earned his right to join his brothers for fishing.

Adapted from http://eng.mataurangamaori.tki.org.nz

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35. List two reasons Maui's brothers gave for not taking him on fishing trips. (2m)

(i) _____

(ii) _____

36. Which word in **paragraph 2** has a similar meaning to "mindful"? (1m)

[ ]

For questions 37 and 38, read each statement and tick (✓) "True" or "False". The first example has been done for you. (2m)

	Statement	True	False
Example:	Maui revealed himself before the anchor was dropped.		✓
37.	Maui's brothers challenged him to fishing.		
38.	Maui's brothers held on to the front of the canoe as they began to speed across the ocean.		

39. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.
Maui's brothers begged him for forgiveness as they _____. (1m)

[ ] wanted him to cut the line

[ ] realised that Maui was a capable young man

[ ] were amazed that Maui could hide in the hull

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Section H: Comprehension (Open-Ended)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 40 to 44. (10 marks)

Jemma and Tammy are identical twins. Even though they are twin sisters, they enjoy doing different things. For example, if Jemma wants to swim, Tammy would want to play badminton. Jemma loves to listen to Korean popular music, while Tammy prefers to listen to classical music.

Their personalities are very different too. For example, one is messy while the other is very neat. When both of them were in Primary Four, tensions started to rise to the point that the girls could no longer stand each other. They felt they had nothing in common despite looking so similar. They were frustrated that their friends always mistook them for each other. Soon, they stopped talking to and avoided each other.

However, things began to change on the day that their report books were given out. While taking the school bus home, both of them were concerned by how affected the other looked. Their twin instincts kicked in and when they asked each other about their results, they both realised that they had each failed a subject. Jemma failed Science and Tammy failed Mathematics.

Since both girls wanted to do well for the Second Semestral Assessment for the next semester, they discussed and agreed to help each other. From that day onwards, every day, after school, Jemma tutored Tammy in Mathematics while Tammy helped Jemma in Science. Eventually, all their hard work paid off as they managed to score in all their subjects.

The girls were delighted by the improvement they had made in their studies. Their parents were elated too. They were very pleased that Jemma and Tammy had made great progress but were even more touched that they had learnt to be good sisters who helped each other.

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

40. What do the sisters have in common?

_____

_____

41. Why did the sisters dislike each other so much at first?

_____

_____

42. How did they realise that they were both not doing well in their studies?

_____

_____

43. How did the sisters help each other?

_____

_____

44. What were the two reasons that caused their parents to be elated?

_____

_____

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ANSWER KEY

YEAR : 2018

LEVEL : PRIMARY 4

SCHOOL : SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

Paper 2 – Booklet A

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

Paper 2 - Booklet B

Q17) (C)

Q18) (E)

Q19) (B)

Q20) (A)

Q21) notice

Q22) force

Q23) efforts

Q24) This

Q25) types

Q26) best

Q27) choose

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Q28) encourage

Q29) different

Q30) questions

Q31) Since Joy did not know the way to the bus stop, she asked a passer-by for help.

Q32) Our class must win the singing competition if we want to have a class party.

Q33) Ray can choose to take either a bus or a taxi,

Q34) The lady who is wearing a dress, is my teacher.

Q35I) Maui was too young.

Q35II) Maui was of no help.

Q36) aware

Q37) False

Q38) False

Q39) Tick realised that Maui was a capable young man

Q40) They look alike.

Q41) They were frustrated that their friends always mistook them for each other.

Q42) They were concerned by how affected the other looked and asked each other about their results.

Q43) They tutored each other in their weakest subject.

Q44) They were very pleased that Jemma and Tammy had made great progress and learnt to be good sisters who helped each other.

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2018 PRIMARY 4 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1

Name: _____ ( ) Date: 8 May 2018

Class: Primary 4 ( ) Time: 10.00 - 11.15 a.m.

Duration: 1 hour 15 minutes

Parent's signature: _____

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

(LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

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3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. For questions 1 to 14, shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet(OAS) provided.
6. For questions 15 to 39, write your answers in this booklet.

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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. He took a quick _____ at his watch before leaving the house.

   (1) view

   (2) stare

   (3) glare

   (4) glance

2. Aini searched her handbag _____ for her mobile phone. She was worried that she might have left it in the taxi.

   (1) violently

   (2) excitedly

   (3) thoroughly

   (4) aggressively

3. Tim was shocked that his house had been burgled while he was overseas. The police assured him that they would _____ the matter

   (1) look at

   (2) look up

   (3) look into

   (4) look after

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4. "I want that toy now" _____ the little boy angrily when his parents wanted to leave the toy shop.

(1) stuttered

(2) muttered

(3) stammered

(4) demanded.

5. Wearing _____ gear when cycling at night allows the cyclist to be visible to other road users.

(1) selective

(2) reflective

(3) preventive

(4) protective

6. The team of dragon boaters _____ their canoe swiftly to clinch first place.

(1) drifted

(2) floated

(3) pushed

(4) paddled

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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 twins_____ delighted when their parents gave them each a brand new watch for their birthday.

(1) is

(2) are

(3) was

(4) were

8. While Linda_____ the dishes, she heard strange sounds coming from the living room.

(1) washes

(2) would wash

(3) has washed

(4) was washing

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9. "Do not lean _____ the newly-painted fences!" Mrs Lim warned Jenny.

(1) at

(2) along

(3) towards

(4) against

10. Timothy spent most of his afternoon playing with his friends so he had _____ time to complete his homework.

(1) few

(2) little

(3) much

(4) many

11. "_____ you like more sugar in your coffee?" the waiter asked politely.

(1) Will

(2) Shall

(3) Would

(4) Should

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12. My sister _____ out the candles on the cake after we had sung her the birthday song.

(1) blow

(2) blew

(3) blows

(4) blown

13. _____ Mr Tan was a wealthy merchant, he donated generously to the poor.

(1) As

(2) Unless

(3) Due to

(4) Although

14. This project was supposed to be done in groups of four. However, I completed the task all by _____.

(1) myself

(2) yourself

(3) ourselves

(4) themselves

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Section C (10 m)

Comprehension

Read the passage below and answer questions 15 to 22 based on the passage.

Maya loved the outdoors. Last December, Maya decided to go to the mountains for a hiking trip. Maya's friends recommended a few backpackers' hotels to her. However, she felt that it was unnecessary as she wanted to feel what it was like sleeping outdoors.

Maya started the first day of the eight-day trip by walking along the trail. The air was fresh and the scenery was breathtaking. Maya saw colourful cottages where the locals lived. After two hours of hiking, Maya decided to rest her tired legs.

As Maya was admiring her surroundings, she spotted a deer feeding on some grass. Maya's eyes widened as she inched forward to get a closer look so that she could draw the magnificent creature in her journal. Crack! The deer fled when Maya stepped on a twig. She sighed in disappointment. She learnt that she had to be as still as a rock if she wanted the animal to stay.

"Oh well, flowers are easier to draw than animals. At least they do not run away!" Maya comforted herself with a chuckle.

Maya spent the rest of the trip making sketches of some wild flowers. She enjoyed pitching the tent and having meals by the campfire. It was truly an unforgettable experience.

Adapted from Hiking the Appalachian Trail

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15. Tick ✓ the correct answer.

Maya slept in a _____. (1m)

	tent
	colourful cottage
	backpackers' hotel

16. Which word has the same meaning as 'beautiful'?
Circle either (A) or (B). (1m)

The air was <u>fresh</u> and the scenery was <u>breathtaking</u>.
(A) **(B)**

17. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the boxes below to indicate the order in which the events took place in the story. (1m)

	Maya was upset as the deer had run away.
	Maya rested after walking for a few hours.
	Maya decided to draw flowers instead of animals.

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18. Which five-word phrase from paragraph 3 has the same meaning as **'not moving'**? (1m)

For Q19-21, read each sentence and tick ✓ "True" or "False".
The first example has been done for you. (3m)

	Sentence	True	False
Example	Maya was on vacation for nine days.		✓
19.	Maya's friends suggested that Maya might like to stay in a hotel.		
20.	The deer ran away when it saw Maya.		
21.	Maya enjoyed outdoor activities.		

22. In paragraph 5, what three things did Maya do for the rest of the trip after her encounter with the deer?

i. _____ (1m)

ii. _____ (1m)

iii. _____ (1m)

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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.

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

Last Sunday, my sister and I went to a nearby supermarket to buy some ingredients to make breakfast for Grandma. **(23)**_____ wanted to give her a surprise as it was her birthday.

Upon reaching home, my sister fried some eggs while **(24)**_____ spread some jam and butter on the toast.

When breakfast was ready, we took **(25)**_____ into Grandma's room. She was pleasantly surprised by **(26)**_____ efforts. "How sweet of you, children!" she exclaimed.

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~~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.

The stick insect is one of the longest species of insects. It can

(27) [grow / grows] to about 30 cm long! Stick insects are usually green or brown and **(28)** [live / lives] in tropical forests. These insects spend much of their time in trees. When a predator **(29)** [approach / approaches] them, they will remain completely still. Even the eggs of a stick insect

(30) [look / looks] like plant seeds. This prevents other animals from eating them.

Adapted from: https://kids.nationalgeographic.com

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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. Sumei does not like to sing. Her cousins do not like to sing too.

Neither _____ nor

_____

32. This is the vase. Your mother wanted the vase.

_____ which

_____

33. "I will be attending the art class tonight," Bala told his mother.

Bala told his mother that _____

_____

34. The teacher is dedicated. The teacher makes sure that all her students understand her lessons.

_____ who

_____

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Section G (5 x 2m)

Comprehension Open

Read the passage below and answer questions 35 to 39.

Tim stared at his pair of old glasses. He sighed for he simply could not remember when he had started wearing them. Sometimes, he would wonder if he was born with glasses.

One day in class, while Tim was doing his work, his old pair of glasses slid off his face again and landed on the floor. Quickly, he went down on all fours to look for them. His teacher saw him doing **that** and asked, "Tim, what's going on?"

"I can't find my glasses," said Tim. His classmates started to laugh. Finally, Tim found them behind his desk but he realised that they were broken. Tears welled up in his eyes. For the rest of the day, he could not concentrate in class.

After school, Tim's mother, Mrs Lee, took Tim to the optician. Mrs Lee showed Tim a pair of dark brown glasses. However, Tim preferred the bright red pair. "I think this brown pair looks better on you," said Mrs Lee. Reluctantly, he agreed and a week later, he collected his new glasses.

On the way home by bus, Tim chose a window seat. He looked out of the window and all of a sudden, everything he saw seemed crystal clear to him. The best part was that his glasses no longer slid off his face. Tim was glad that he had broken his glasses.

Adapted from The Magic Glasses

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

35. Why did Tim think that he was born with glasses?

36. What does the word '**that**' (line 6) refer to?

37. How did Tim feel when he found out that his glasses were damaged?

38. What did Tim's mother do to help Tim see clearly again?

39. Give two reasons to explain why Tim was glad that he had broken his glasses.

End of Paper

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ANSWER KEY

YEAR : 2018

LEVEL : PRIMARY 4

SCHOOL : TAO NAN SCHOOL

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

Paper 2

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

Q15) tent

Q16) Circle (B)

Q17) 2, 1, 3

Q18) as still as a rock

Sentence		True	False
Example	Maya was on vacation for nine days		√

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Q19)	**Maya's friends suggested that Maya might like to stay in a hotel.**	√	
Q20)	**The deer ran away when it saw Maya.**		√
Q21)	**Maya enjoyed outdoor activities.**	√	

Q22I) Maya made sketches of some wild flowers.

Q22II) Maya pitched a tent.

Q22III) Maya had meals by the campfire.

Q23) (F)

Q24) (A)

Q25) (B)

Q26) (C)

Q27) grow

Q28) live

Q29) approaches

Q30) look

Q31) Neither Sumei nor her cousins like to sing.

Q32) This is the vase which your mother wanted.

Q33) Bala told his mother that he would be attending the art class that night.

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Q34) The teacher, who is dedicated, makes sure that all her students understand her lessons.

Q35) Tim simply could not remember when he had started wearing glasses, so he thought that he was born with them.

Q36) It refers to Tim going down on all fours to look for his glasses.

Q37) Tears welled up in Tim's eyes and he felt sad when he found out that his glasses were damaged.

Q38) Tim's mother took him to the optician and got him a new pair of dark brown glasses.

Q39) Everything that Tim saw seemed crystal clear to him and his glasses no longer slid off his face.

END.

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Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2 - 2018

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY 4

Name : _____ **( )**

Class : P 4 . ( ) **Date : 26 October 2018**

BOOKLET A

15 Questions

15 Marks

Total Time For Booklet A and B : 1 hour 15 minutes

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Part 1: 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. The citizens wonder which prince will ascend the _____ when the king dies.

   (1) title
   (2) throne
   (3) position
   (4) leadership

2. As cool as a cucumber, Lisa _____ towards the examiner to take her oral examination.

   (1) scurried
   (2) sauntered
   (3) scrambled
   (4) skedaddled

3. Even though Tom was trembling with fear, he _____ and stood before the Discipline Master, ready to take his punishment.

   (1) bit his head off
   (2) had no backbone
   (3) put on a brave front
   (4) built castles in the air

4. "Could I please _____ your story book over the weekend? I will return it to you on Monday," requested Pamela politely.

   (1) take
   (2) lend
   (3) steal
   (4) borrow

5. The sudden heavy downpour caused the organisers to _____ the soccer match to a later date.

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

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6. The _____ earthquake that took place yesterday destroyed numerous buildings and many lives were lost.

(1) timely
(2) massive
(3) daunting
(4) imminent

Part 2: 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. Yesterday, Tom _____ surprised when he received a gift from his mother.

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

8. _____ turtles swimming there are having a good time.

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

9. The twins were excited after they had finished building the kennel _____.

(1) himself
(2) herself
(3) ourselves
(4) themselves

10. Gavin decided to watch the movie as _____ of his friends said that it was good.

(1) few
(2) little
(3) much
(4) some

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11. The jockey _____ his leg after he was thrown from his horse.

(1) broke
(2) breaks
(3) is breaking
(4) was breaking

12. As we _____ soccer, it began to rain.

(1) play
(2) will play
(3) have played
(4) were playing

13. The detective followed the suspect for _____ distance before he lost him in the crowd.

(1) few
(2) little
(3) some
(4) many

14. "Please play quietly. Your baby sister _____ in the room now," Mrs Han reminded her sons.

(1) slept
(2) sleeps
(3) has slept
(4) is sleeping

Part 3: Punctuation (1 mark)

For question 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

15. "Dad will come home early today as he has promised, won't he [ ]" Janet wondered.

(1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark

END OF BOOKLET A

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2 - 2018

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY 4

Name : _____ **(** **)**

Class : P 4 . (**)** **Date : 26 October 2018**

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BOOKLET B

Total Time For Booklets A and B : 1 hour 15 minutes

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3 Answer all questions.

Booklet	Component	Possible Marks	Marks Obtained
A		15	
B	Grammar Cloze 1	4	
	Grammar Cloze 2	4	
	Editing for Spelling & Grammar	3	
	Synthesis and Transformation	4	
	Comprehension 1	10	
	Comprehension 2	10	
	Total	35	

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Part 4: Grammar Cloze 1 (4 marks)

There are 4 blanks, numbered 16 to 19, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to F) in the blank.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

A	us	**B**	they	**C**	he
D	she	**E**	her	**F**	you

Mr and Mrs Smith had four children. (16) _____ had outgrown their house. One day, Mrs Smith told her husband, "I'm going to build a house large enough for all of (17) _____ ."

Mr Smith replied, "What do (18) _____ know about building a house?" She retorted, "I'm going to learn." Later, (19) _____ made plans to talk to a builder. Mr Smith was very proud of her.

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Sub-Total: ____

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Part 5: Grammar Cloze 2 (4 marks)

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

Reading and writing a lot can help you become better writers. Reading and writing (20) [is / are] inseparable. It is impossible to write well without reading good books that (21) [has / have] gone before us. A well-read writer (22) [recognise / recognises] the difference between a good story and a bad one.

Reading exposes us to other styles, voices, forms and genres of writing. It also exposes us to writing that is better than our own and (23) [help / helps] us to improve. Reading inspires you.

Adapted from 'Why Read?'

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Part 6: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (3 marks)

Read the passage carefully. The words with spelling errors are in **bold** and the words with grammatical errors are underlined. Write the correct spelling or form of the word in each box.

There are ways to experiment with jelly to come up with interesting yet edible art.

(24) [ ]

Take it from Rachael Ray who has a **raecipe** kids will love – the Jelly Aquarium!

All you need is blue jelly, ripe fruit like honeydew, mangoes, or any of your favourite fruits.

(25) [ ]

Slice the fruit thin and flat and used fish-shaped cookie cutters to cut the

(26) [ ]

sliced fruit into shape. Then, **assembel** them against a glass container before you pour the blue jelly in to set.

Finally, the Jelly Aquarium is created!

Adapted from Reader's Digest "Jell-O Art"

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Part 7: Synthesis & Transformation (4 marks)

For each of the questions below, 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 given sentence(s).

27 Tom heard the bad news. Tom quickly called his father.

When _____

_____

28 That is my pen. I am taking it back.

_____ which

_____

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Part 8: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 29 to 33.

The railway station was crowded that day. We were all at the platform waiting for the train to arrive. Soon the rumbling of the train could be heard.

As soon as the train crawled to a stop and its doors swung open, my friend and I scrambled up the train from the platform and dashed to our seats. A final boarding announcement was made. At the eleventh hour, a man and his son, about 15 years of age, boarded the train and sat adjacent to us. The train then left the station.

The teenager looked out of the window and exclaimed in surprise, "Dad, the things are moving backwards!" His father smiled and nodded his head. As the train increased its speed, the boy shouted excitedly, "Dad, the trees are running backwards very quickly now!"

"Yes, dear," his father said and smiled, watching his son squeal in delight and amazement like a three-year-old.

My friend and I were watching all that had transpired. Was this how a normal teenager should behave? Curiosity got the better of me and I asked, "Hey, Mister, does your son have a problem?" Before the man could answer, my friend commented, "His son is mad, I think."

The father patiently replied, "My son was born blind. It was only a few days ago that he received his sight. He is seeing many things in his life for the first time."

My friend and I became very quiet and apologised to the father and son.

Adapted from Think Before You Speak

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WRITE YOUR ANSWERS IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

29 At which part of the train station were the author and his friend before boarding? [2m]

30 When did the man and his son board the train? [2m]

31 Why did the author think that the son had a problem? [2m]

32 Why was the teenager seeing many things for the first time in his life? [2m]

33 In paragraph five, which **word** has the same meaning as 'inquisitiveness'? [2m]

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Part 9: Comprehension Passage 2 (10 marks)

Read this passage and answer questions 34 to 40.

Gunner, a six-month-old male stray dog, was found in a destroyed building on 19 February 1942 by some soldiers from the Royal Australian Air Force after a Japanese air raid on Darwin. The dog had a broken leg and was whimpering.

Percy Westcott, one of those who found Gunner, made it his duty to help this dog. Westcott took the dog to a hospital where a doctor insisted that he could not treat any 'man' who did not have a name or serial number. So, Westcott named the dog 'Gunner' and gave him the serial number 0000. Satisfied, the doctor put a cast on Gunner's leg and set them on the way.

From that point onward, Gunner and Westcott were inseparable. One day, as Westcott and the other soldiers went about their daily routine at the airfield, Gunner got so worked up and started barking and jumping. The men paid no attention to the dog. However, within minutes, Japanese bombers swooped in and started bombing Darwin again.

It was a surprise attack to everyone except Gunner. Luckily, the soldiers and Gunner managed to dive to safety. Two days later, Gunner acted up again. This time, the men were prepared for the upcoming attack.

From February 1942 to November 1943, Gunner warned the soldiers of nearly every air raid and saved countless lives. He was able to tell the difference between the sounds of the engines used by Australian and Japanese aircraft with his extraordinary hearing.

Adapted from "Five War Heroes Who Also Happened To Be Dogs"

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34 Give **two** possible reasons why Gunner was whimpering.
Tick ✓ your two chosen answers. [2m]

☐ He was excited.

☐ He was injured.

☐ He was in pain.

For Q35 to 37, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". The first example has been done for you. [3m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	Gunner was a stray dog when he was found.	✓	
35	Percy Westcott was the only one who found Gunner.		
36	Percy gave Gunner a name and serial number because he wanted to keep him as a pet.		
37	Percy and Gunner became very close to each other.		

38 Name Gunner's **two** actions which warned the soldiers about danger.

i) _____ [1m]

ii) _____ [1m]

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For Q39, which **two characteristics**, from paragraphs 3 to 5, best describe Gunner. Tick (√) your **two** chosen answers. An example has been done for you. [2m]

Two characteristics that describe Gunner from paragraphs 3 to 5		**Tick your chosen answer**
Example	loyal	✓
39	playful	
	alert	
	reliable	

40 Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

From the last paragraph, we know that Gunner _____. [1m]

	can foresee the future
	has a sharp hearing
	died during one of the air raids

END OF PAPER

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ANSWER KEY

YEAR : 2018
LEVEL : PRIMARY 4
SCHOOL : ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL(JUNIOR)
SUBJECT : ENGLISH
TERM : SA2

BOOKLET A

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

BOOKLET B

Q16	B	Q20	are	Q24	recipe
Q17	A	Q21	have	Q25	use
Q18	F	Q22	recognises	Q26	assemble
Q19	D	Q23	helps		

Q27 When Tom heard the bad news, he quickly called his father.
Q28 That is my pen which I am taking back.

Q29 The author and his friends were at the platform before boarding the train.
Q30 The man and his son boarded the train at the eleventh hour.
Q31 The son was squealing in delight and amazement like a three year-old.
Q32 The teenager was born blind only a few days ago he received his sight and he is seeing many things in his life for the first time.
Q33 Curiosity
Q34 ☑ He was injured.
☑ He was in pain.
Q35 False
Q36 False
Q37 True
Q38 i) Barking
ii) Jumping
Q39 ☑ alert
☑ reliable
Q40 ✓ has a sharp hearing

THE END

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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT TWO (2018)

PRIMARY FOUR

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Name: _____ ( )

Class: Primary Four _____

26 October 2018

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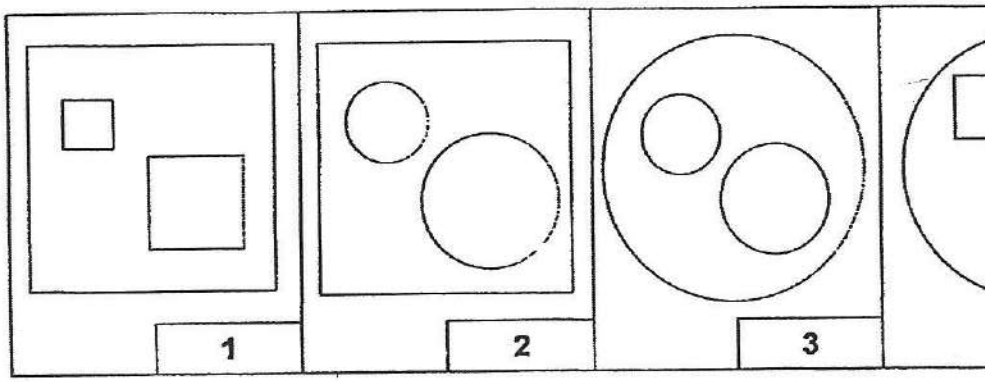
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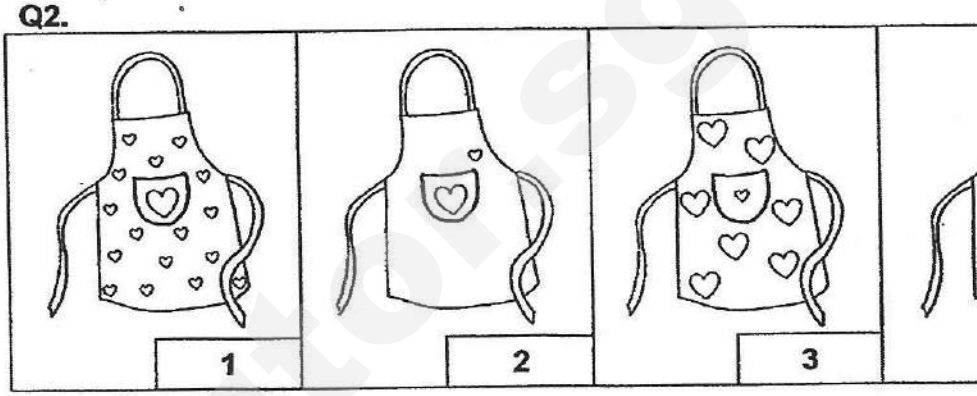
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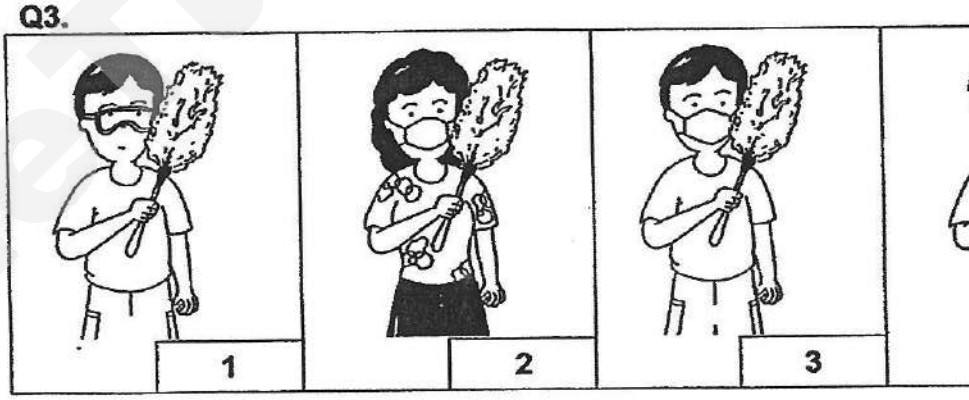
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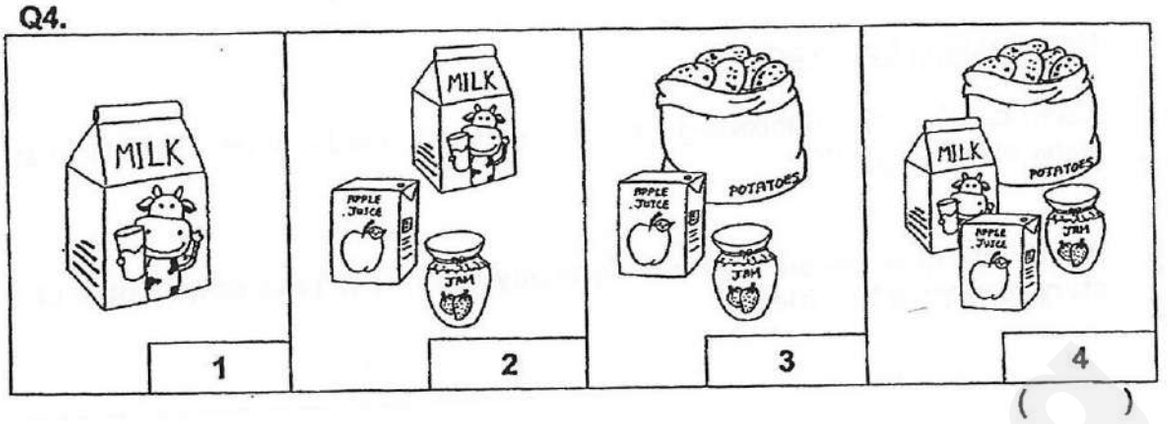


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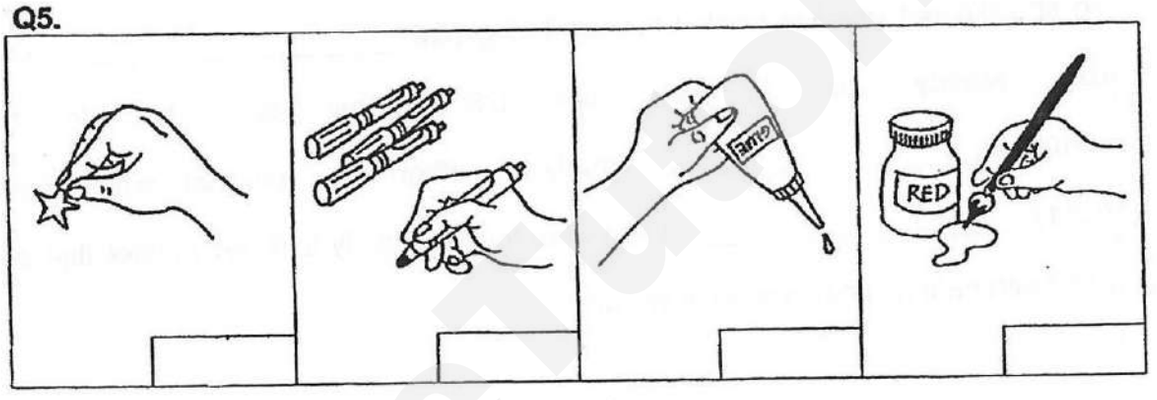
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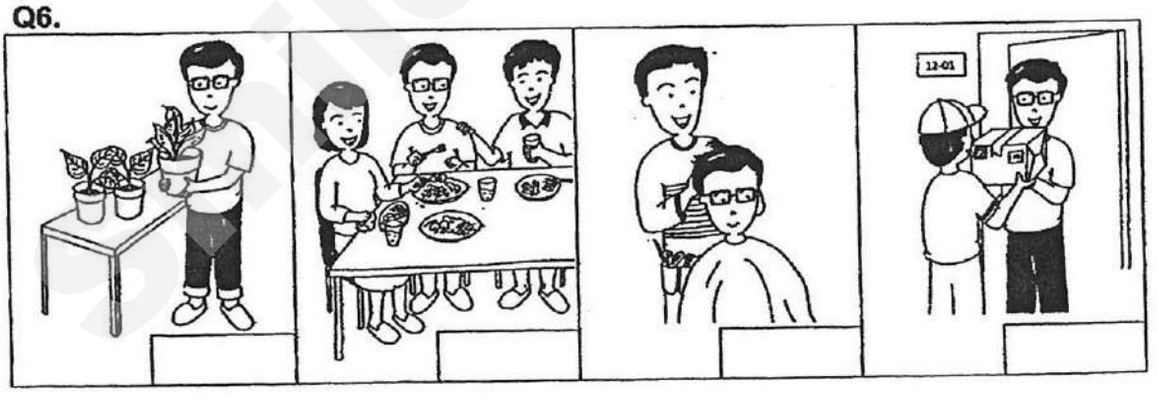
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Look at the set of pictures. I am going to read a statement twice. Listen carefully Then arrange the pictures in the order that best describes what I have read. Write the numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the correct boxes.

Q5.



Q6.



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Mandy learnt a lesson after having candy too often. Take down no story to retell it to a friend.

Mandy went home on her own after (Q7) _____

wanted to buy (Q8) _____ or gummies from the prov

so she did not use her pocket money during (Q9) _____

day, Mandy was in pain and her mother took her

(Q10) _____ Mandy's mother was puzzled wi

(Q11) _____ teeth were found. Mandy told her moth

had been eating candy almost every day.

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Q12. Why was Gary treading quietly around the kitchen?

(1) He was feeling hungry.
(2) He could not find anything to eat.
(3) He did not want to wake his parents up.

Q13. How did Gary plan to surprise his parents?

(1) by buying breakfast for them
(2) by making breakfast with them
(3) by having breakfast on his own

Q14. Why did Gary change his mind about going to the coffee shop?

(1) He did not want to take the stairs.
(2) He realised that it was not open yet.
(3) He was afraid that the lift would break down.

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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT TWO (2018)
PRIMARY FOUR
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

COMPOSITION

Name: _____ ( )

Class: Primary 4

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10 Oktober 2018

50 minutes

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Write a composition of <u>at least 120 words</u> about a **quarrel**.

The pictures, not arranged in sequence, are provided to help you think about this topic. Your composition should be based on one, two or all of these pictures.

Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- What was the quarrel about?
- Who was involved?
- What did you do?
- What happened in the end?

You may use the points in any order and include other relevant points as well.

Helping words:

- *pushed him*
- *bruised his knee*
- *ashamed of his behaviour*
- *realised his mistake*
- *apologised / forgave*



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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION TWO (2018)
PRIMARY FOUR
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

Name: _____ ( )

Class: Primary 4 _____

26 October 2018

42 QUESTIONS

1 hour 15 minutes

Component	Marks
Sections A-B	/ 14
Sections C-F	/ 16
Sections G-H	/ 20
Paper 2 Total	/ 50

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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. Mrs Lee asked her son to do the homework by _____.

   (1) herself
   (2) himself
   (3) ourselves
   (4) themselves

2. While jogging in the park last week, Peter and Jane _____ surprised to see three ducklings in the pond.

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

3. The players _____ upset when they lost their match.

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

4. "Stop disturbing Lucy. She _____ to complete the puzzle on her own now!" I scolded my brother.

   (1) tries
   (2) tried
   (3) is trying
   (4) has tried

5. Last evening, Ali _____ his grandparents after finishing his dinner.

   (1) visits
   (2) visited
   (3) has visited
   (4) was visiting

6. As we _____ our suitcases, Mother walked into the room.

   (1) pack
   (2) will pack
   (3) have packed
   (4) were packing

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7. _____ girl sitting over there has the most beautiful smile.

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

8. Susan was too busy preparing for her piano examination so she had _____ time to read her favourite book.

(1) little
(2) some
(3) much
(4) many

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. The thief _____ the streets to look for his next victim.

(1) jostled
(2) prowled
(3) scurried
(4) pursued

10. The firemen fought bravely to _____ the raging fire at the factory.

(1) put on
(2) put off
(3) put out
(4) put down

11. My grandma _____ at me when she knew that I had broken her favourite vase. She was very upset.

(1) gazed
(2) glared
(3) glanced
(4) glimpsed

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12. Tom had a _____ stomachache after eating too many sweets.

(1) cruel
(2) harsh
(3) hurtful
(4) severe

13. Do you know how many different _____ of animals there are in the Sungei Buloh Nature Reserve?

(1) forms
(2) species
(3) selections
(4) specimens

14. Mr Teo was throwing out the rubbish when he saw mice _____ around the bins.

(1) trotting
(2) fluttering
(3) swooping
(4) scampering

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Section C – Grammar Cloze (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 each word ONCE only.

(A) he	(B) him	(C) it
(D) they	(E) we	(F) you

"The spotted dove is a long-tailed pigeon. (15)_____ can be found in Southeast Asia," Mr Chia told his pupils.

Rajan and Jane listened intently as (16)_____ were bird lovers. Rajan commented, "There are white spots on its neck." Mr Chia asked him, "How do (17)_____ know that?" Rajan said that (18)_____ enjoyed reading about birds. He continued sharing interesting facts about the bird.

Adapted from The Young Scientists Level 3

Section D – Grammar Cloze (4 x 1 mark)

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

Siew Lin is a polite pupil. She (19) [show / shows] respect to both teachers and friends. The pupils in her class (20) [enjoy / enjoys] her company. Everyone (21) [think / thinks] highly of her. Her pleasant personality (22) [has / have] won her the Most Caring Pupil Award. Siew Lin deserves the award as she is a caring pupil.

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Section E – Comprehension Cloze (4 x 1 mark)
Read the passage carefully. Fill in the blanks with the most suitable word of your own.

Eddie and his family are soccer fans. Everyone in his family supports the team Ninjas (23) _____ for Eddie whose favourite team is Rangers.

They enjoy watching many soccer (24) _____ on television together but it is difficult for Eddie to (25) _____ support for a different team.

Once, during a match between the Ninjas and Rangers, Eddie found it hard to (26) _____ his excitement when his team scored. He raised his hands in victory while the others sighed in disappointment.

Adapted from My Secret Team

Section F - Sentences Synthesis and Transformation (2×2 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 your sentence must be the same as the given one(s).

27. Sam said, "We have won the competition.

Sam said that _____

_____

28. We will go for a swim. We will do so provided you clean your room.

_____ if

_____

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Section G – Comprehension – Selected Response and Open-ended (10 marks)
Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Last Saturday, Andy was caught in a flash flood, along Orchid Road, caused by heavy rain. He tried to get out of his car but to no avail. A few vehicles were stuck in the murky water too. Concerned for his safety, Andy took out his mobile phone and called for help.

Through his window, he saw a woman getting drenched before she could reach the nearest bus stop. While waiting for rescue, Andy listened to the radio for updates on the condition around Orchid Road. People were advised to avoid the area. Apparently, a number of pedestrians were stranded at bus stops in the affected area. Shopkeepers in Cramat Road were not surprised by the flash flood as they were used to it whenever it rained. However, it was the worst they had ever experienced. They were relieved that the flood had receded in about half an hour.

All those trapped in their vehicles were only rescued after an hour. Andy heaved a sigh of relief. Rescuers had to wait for the heavy rain to stop before rescuing them.

The Singapore Utility Board (SUB) said that flash floods might occur in future during a heavy rain. The public could stay tuned to radio broadcasts and check SUB's mobile app "MyWaters" for the latest news on the flash floods.

Adapted from Straits Times - Singapore flash flood

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29. What caused the flash flood?

_____ [1m]

For questions 30-32, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". Refer to paragraphs 1 and 2 to help you. The first example has been done for you. [3m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	Some vehicles were trapped in the flood water.	✓	
30.	People were informed to avoid Orchid Road last Saturday.		
31.	Cramat Road was hit by the flash flood for the first time.		
32.	Andy was the only person in his car.		

33. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to show the order in which the events occurred. [1m]

_____ Andy saw a woman being fully soaked while heading for shelter.

_____ Andy used his mobile phone to call for help.

_____ Andy attempted to get out of his car.

34. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.
In line 10, the word **"it"** refers to the _____. [1m]

- ☐ heavy rain
- ☐ flash flood
- ☐ murky water

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

Apparently, a number of pedestrians were **stranded** (A) at bus stops in the **affected** (B) area.

36. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.
The rescuers took a long time to rescue Andy as they _____. [1m]

- ☐ were surprised by the flash flood
- ☐ had to wait for the downpour to be over
- ☐ rescued pedestrians who were stranded at bus stops first

37. What can the public do to get flood updates?

i. _____

ii. _____

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Section H – Comprehension – Open-ended (5 x 2 marks)
Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Last December holidays, Julie travelled to the Gold Coast. She was initially thinking of visiting the various theme parks and surfing at the beach there. However, in the end, she chose to see what farm life was like instead. It would be a good break from the city life she was used to in Singapore. She decided to spend a few days at a farm owned by Mr Carl who was her father's bosom friend.

Mr Carl's farm was nothing like the animal farms that Julie had seen on television. There were no pigs or cows on the farm. Instead, four kingly stallions stood proudly with their silky black manes swimming down their necks and pouring off their shoulders like **inky waterfalls**. Their brown coat and hooves glistened in the sunlight.

During her stay there, Julie looked forward to having dinner with Mr and Mrs Carl and their daughter, Rosemary, who was a renowned chef in a five-star hotel. Dinner, consisting of at least ten mouth-watering dishes, was personally prepared and served daily by her gracious hosts.

Being used to the hustle and bustle of city life and its late nights, Julie was puzzled when the dishes were cleared by 8 p.m. Within minutes, everyone went back to their rooms. She returned to her room and tossed and turned in bed till the wee hours of the morning.

However, once she got used to the routine of farm life, she started to enjoy her stay at the farm. She decided that farm stays would always have a place in her travel itinerary in the future.

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Write your answers in complete sentences.

38. Why did Julie choose to stay on a farm?

_____

_____

39. How was Mr Carl's farm different from the other farms Julie knew about?

_____

_____

40. What does the phrase 'inky waterfalls' in line 9 refer to?

_____

_____

41. Which word in paragraph 3 has the same meaning as 'well-known'?

42. Why was Julie unable to sleep at first?

_____

_____

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EXAM PAPER 2018 (P4)

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TERM : SA2

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

Q19) shows

Q20) enjoy

Q21) thinks

Q22) has

Q23) except

Q24) matches

Q25) display

Q26) contain

Q27) Sam said that they had won the competition.

Q28) We will go for a swim if you clean your room.

Q29) heavy rain

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Q30) True

Q31) False

Q32) True

Q33) 3 , 2 , 1

Q34) flash flood

Q35) A

Q36) had to wait for the downpour to be over

Q37) i) stay tuned to mobile broadcasts

ii) check SUB's mobile app for the latest news.

Q38) She wanted to take a break from city life and see what farm life was like.

Q39) There were no pigs or cows and there were four kingly stallions while other farms Julie knew had pig and cows but no stallions.

Q40) It refers to the black manes from the stallions.

Q41) renowned

Q42) She was used to the routine of farm life and not used to sleeping early.

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CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

Primary 4

Semestral Assessment 2

22 October 2018

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)

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. Emelie _____ over the moon when she won the singing competition.

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

2. "Finish _____ worksheets before watching television!" ordered Mother, handing Adam his homework for the day.

(1) this
(2) that
(3) these
(4) those

3. "I _____ my piano now. I will have my lunch later," I told Mother.

(1) play
(2) played
(3) am playing
(4) have played

4. As my brother was alone at home, he had no choice but to cook dinner for _____.

(1) herself
(2) himself
(3) ourselves
(4) themselves

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5. Rosie _____ a magazine when she heard the doorbell ring.

(1) read
(2) reads
(3) has read
(4) was reading

6. Roger's parents _____ him a present and in doing so, fulfilled his birthday wish.

(1) buy
(2) buys
(3) bought
(4) has bought

7. Jane stayed up last night to complete her assignment as she had very _____ time left before the deadline.

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

8. The new restaurant across the street is open only _____ the day.

(1) into
(2) after
(3) before
(4) during

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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 _____ clapped and cheered when the lifeguard rescued a little boy from drowning.

(1) audience
(2) onlookers
(3) spectators
(4) competitors

10. Trevor was a _____ child who refused to heed his parents' advice.

(1) wilful
(2) dutiful
(3) repentant
(4) motivated

11. After trekking up the hill for many hours, they rested under a _____ of trees.

(1) litter
(2) flock
(3) clump
(4) bunch

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12. The fans were _____ when the concert was cancelled as they had been looking forward to it.

(1) insulted
(2) offended
(3) ashamed
(4) disappointed

13. The group was commended for their _____ because they worked together to complete their presentation slides.

(1) teamwork
(2) attendance
(3) arrangement
(4) sportsmanship

14. The motorcyclist narrowly escaped death when he _____ to avoid the lorry that had broken down on the road.

(1) bent
(2) glided
(3) twisted
(4) swerved

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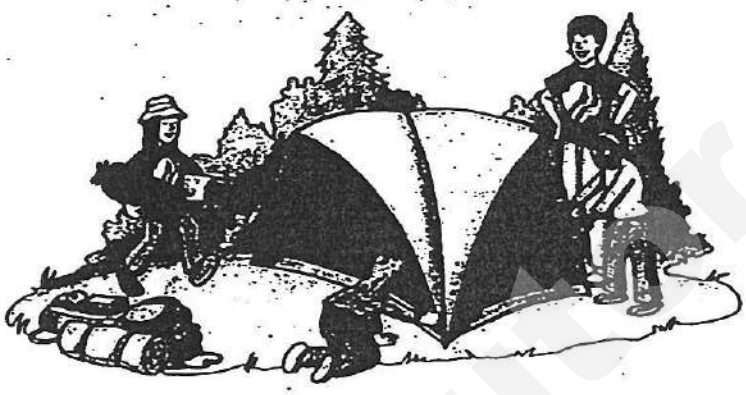
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Section C: Visual Text Comprehension MCQ (2 x 1 mark)

Study the advertisement carefully and answer questions 15 and 16.
Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CAMP 2018



Take part in our fun-filled outdoor adventure camp and build your courage, confidence and character!

Junior Camp	Senior Camp
Ages : 7 to 10 years old Dates : 1 to 3 December 2018 Venue : Bishan Campsite	Ages : 11 to 14 years old Dates : 8 to 10 December 2018 Venue : Serangoon Campsite

Cost per camper: only $50!

Activities :

- fishing
- flying fox
- rock climbing
- canoeing (for Senior Camp only)

To sign up, fill in the registration form at www.singa.sg
Sign up before 30 October 2018 and get a free water bottle and a cap!

Organised by
Singa Youth Council
231 Kebun Baru Road
Singapore 566231
Tel : 9612 8731

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15. The **main** purpose of the advertisement is to _____.

(1) promote Serangoon Campsite
(2) give away free water bottles and caps
(3) get people to visit Singa Youth Council
(4) encourage children to take part in a camp

16. Which one of the following statements is **true**?

(1) You will receive a free water bottle if you sign up on 30 October 2018.
(2) Jane's 9-year-old sister will attend the camp from 1 to 3 December 2018.
(3) To sign up for the camp, you must call Singa Youth Council at 9612 8731.
(4) You will not be able to take part in the canoeing activity if you are 12 years old.

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Primary 4

Semestral Assessment 2

22 October 2018

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet B

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

31 questions
34 marks

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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 / phrase only once.**

(A) it	(C) he	(E) their
(B) its	(D) him	(F) them

Two dogs were found abandoned. The Animal Welfare Society received an alert. (17) _____ started investigations immediately. It found that the owner of the dogs could not afford to take care of them. So, he left (18) _____ in a park. (19) _____ was fined $4,800.

Pet owners who abandon (20) _____ pets can be jailed or fined up to $10,000. The authorities strongly encourage the public to report such cases immediately.

Adapted from 'Man fined $4,800 for keeping and abandoning unlicensed dogs', The Straits Times

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

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the brackets and **circle it**.

Some people get a headache after eating ice cream. This effect (21) [is / are] called 'brain freeze' or 'ice-cream headache'. It is a sudden sharp and stabbing pain in your forehead. This (22) [happen / happens] when you put too much ice cream in your mouth after exercising or when the weather is hot. The effect (23) [go / goes] away once your body gets used to it. The headaches rarely (24) [last / lasts] longer than five minutes. To avoid getting ice-cream headaches, do not eat ice cream too quickly.

Adapted from 'Do you get a headache after eating ice cream too fast?', Young Scientist

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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. Miss Tan is a rich woman. Her company has many stores.

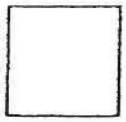
_____ whose _____

_____

26. Alvin does not like horror stories. He does not like science fiction movies.

_____ neither _____

nor _____



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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.

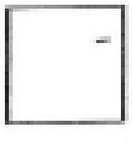
Have you ever dreamed of starting your own band? If you need a guitar but do not have the money to buy it, you can try to make your own. Here's how you can make one (27) _____ things you can easily find in your home. You will need six rubber bands and a cardboard box.

First, cut off the cover of the box so that the top of the box is open. Next, place the six rubber bands over the box. Make sure the rubber bands are placed slightly apart from (28) _____ other. Now, pull up one of the rubber bands and hear the sound made as you (29) _____ it.

Sound is created when something vibrates. When the rubber band is pulled up slightly and released, (30) _____ strikes the box lightly. This produces a weak sound. However, when it is pulled higher then let go, the rubber band hits the box harder. Thus, a louder sound is created.

Now, you and your friends can start your own band at home!

Adapted from 'A Home-made Guitar', Young Scientist



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Section H: Comprehension [1] (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 31 to 39.

"Toots is dead!" wailed John loudly. To look for signs of life, John prodded his pet tortoise's shell and shook it. Then, he put his ear against Toots' shell and listened, his brows furrowed in concentration.

I pulled Toots out of John's clammy hands. "Don't cry, John. Grandpa will know what to do!" I said soothingly to my five-year-old brother. John sobbed silently. We went around the house looking for Grandpa and spotted him in the garden, talking to his plants. I held Toots out.

"Toots is dead," I whispered in his ear. Grandpa nodded. He took John's hand and promised him to have Toots up and about in two days' time! John broke into a smile but I could not believe my ears. Did Grandpa actually think he could bring Toots back to life?

Later, I saw Grandpa in the kitchen. He slipped Toots into his fishbowl and waited. Ten minutes passed and Toots did not move. "It's really dead," Grandpa said with a loud sigh. Just then, Aunt came into the kitchen. "Why are you playing with Toots?" she asked Grandpa. He whispered something to Aunt and all I heard were loud 'ooohs' from her.

The next day, John came to me, smiling. He showed me a box. I gasped when I saw Toots in it, looking right at me. I strode off to search for Grandpa. It was impossible! Grandpa saw me and pulled me aside. He knew that I wanted to know his secret.

"Aunt and I bought another tortoise for John," Grandpa whispered and pressed his finger to his lips. I nodded.

Adapted from 'Grandpa's Remedy' by Jessie Wee

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31. What were the two things John did to check if Toots was still alive?
Put <u>two</u> ticks (✓) your chosen answers. [2m]

☐	wailed loudly	☐	sobbed silently
☐	prodded its shell	☐	put his ear against its shell

For question 32 and question 33, decide who did the following actions. Tick (✓) your chosen answer. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Actions		Grandpa	John	The author
Example	broke into a smile		✓	
32.	comforted his brother			
33.	promised to have Toots up and about			

34. Where did the author and John find Grandpa? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

We went around the <u>house</u> looking for Grandpa and spotted him in the <u>garden</u>, talking to his plants.
(A) (B)

35. Refer to paragraph 4.
Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

Grandpa slipped Toots into the fishbowl to _____. [1m]

- ☐ bring it back to life
- ☐ check if it was alive
- ☐ show it to Aunt

36. Which word has the same meaning as 'to take a short, quick breath'?
Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

I <u>gasped</u> when I saw Toots in it, looking right at me. I <u>strode off</u> to search for Grandpa.
(A) (B)

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For question 37 to question 39, refer to paragraphs 5 and 6. Read each statement and tick 'True' or 'False'. The first example has been done for you. [3m]

Statements		True	False
Example	Grandpa brought Toots back to life.		✓
37.	John thought that the tortoise in the box was Toots.		
38.	Aunt did not know about Grandpa's secret.		
39.	Grandpa wanted the author to keep the fact that he had bought a new tortoise for John a secret.		

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Section I: Comprehension [2] (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 40 to 46.

Calady's father, the king, announced a quest to decide which of his two children would be the next ruler. Each of them was to bring him the most valuable thing in the kingdom. Calady's brother, Richard, headed for the Fountain of Healing but Calady decided not to go on the quest. Everyone waited for weeks but Richard did not return. Calady knew those who failed the test at the fountain would turn to stone. Worried, she slipped out of the castle to look for him.

Calady set off on her horse and a few days later, she came upon the beautiful fountain. Leaning against a nearby tree was Richard, turned to stone. He was holding a flask to his lips. Calady noticed a signboard by the fountain. It read, "Not for yourself."

Realising what had happened, she scooped up some water and dripped it onto her brother's lips. He blinked and stared at her blankly. "You can only take the water for someone else," she said, pointing to the signboard. Richard explained, "I was too thirsty." Calady filled her brother's flask at the fountain. "I took the water for you so it should be safe to drink," she told Richard. After Richard had quenched his thirst, the siblings started on their journey home.

Finally, they reached the castle. The king asked about the quest. Richard presented the king with the water from the Fountain of Healing. The king was pleased. Then, he turned to his daughter.

"What treasure do you bring?" the king asked, looking at Calady's empty hands.

"She brings me. She saved me," Richard explained.

"Indeed, my children are the most precious to me. Hail my successor," the king announced. Everyone, including Richard, clapped as the king took off his crown and placed it on Calady's head.

Adapted from 'Calady's Quest' by Teresa Bateman

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For question 40, write 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets.

40. The king wanted his children to look for _____. [1m]

(1) the next ruler
(2) the signboard
(3) the Fountain of Healing
(4) the most valuable thing ( )

41. Which two-word phrase in paragraph 1 showed that no one saw Calady leaving the castle? [1m]

42. What had happened to Richard when Calady found him? [1m]
[Write your answer using a complete sentence / complete sentences.]

_____

_____

43. These are some statements that describe Calady's actions. Put them in the right sequence, according to the flow in the story. Write **1, 2 and 3** on the lines. [1m]

_____ She found the Fountain of Healing.
_____ She put some drops of water on Richard's lips.
_____ She read the signboard beside the fountain.

44. Refer to line 13. Why was the water safe for Richard to drink? [2m]
[Write your answer using a complete sentence / complete sentences.]

_____

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45. Which treasure, the water from the Fountain of Healing or Richard, was more important to the king? Why was it so? [2m]

_____

_____

46. 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) After his announcement, the king made Calady the new ruler.		_____ _____
(b) Richard was unhappy that he was not the new ruler.		_____ _____

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ANSWER KEY

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BOOKLET A

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

BOOKLET B

Q17	A	Q20	E	Q23	goes
Q18	F	Q21	is	Q24	last
Q19	C	Q22	happens		

Q25 Miss Tan whose company has many stores is a rich woman.
Q26 Alvin likes neither horror stories nor science fiction movies.

Q27 with
Q28 each
Q29 release
Q30 it

Q31 ☑ prodded its shell
☑ put his ear against its shell

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32.	comforted his brother			✓
33.	promised to have Toots up and about	✓		

Q34 (B)
Q35 ☑ check if it was alive
Q36 (A)
Q37 True
Q38 False
Q39 True

Q40 (4)
Q41 slipped out
Q42 Richard had turned to stone
Q43
1 She found the Fountain of Healing.
3 She put some drops of water on Richard's lips.
2 She read the signboard beside the fountain.

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Q44 The water at the fountain could only be safe if a person took the water for someone else. Calady took the water for Richard so it would be safe for him to drink.

Q45 The king said that his children were more precious.

Q46

a) **True – After the king made his announcement , he placed the crown on Calady's head.**

b) **False – Richard clapped.**

THE END

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HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
2018 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION TWO
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY FOUR

Part I	14
Part II	36
TOTAL	50

NAME: _____ ( )

CLASS: Primary 4 _____

Duration of Paper: 1h 15min

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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. "Mark, please keep the ice cream in the _____ or it will melt," said his mother.

   (1) oven
   (2) freezer
   (3) toaster
   (4) cupboard

   ( )

2. The crab uses its strong _____ to break the shells of other sea creatures.

   (1) paws
   (2) claws
   (3) beaks
   (4) hooves

   ( )

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3. Some of the strangest creatures are found in the _____ seabed of this ocean.

(1) lowest
(2) highest
(3) deepest
(4) heaviest ( )

4. Sarah _____ the ribbons on her Christmas presents quickly.

(1) untied
(2) unrolled
(3) unlocked
(4) unwrapped ( )

5. Many buildings were destroyed when the strong earthquake hit the city. The people were _____ and in shock.

(1) amazed
(2) terrified
(3) ashamed
(4) embarrassed

( )

6. Today, a strong gust of wind caused all the doors and windows in the house to _____.

(1) rattle
(2) sway
(3) crash
(4) bounce ( )

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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. The girl knocked over the glass of water and spilled the water all over _____.

(1) herself
(2) himself
(3) ourselves
(4) themselves ( )

8. "Children, you _____ very attentive today. Keep it up!" exclaimed the teacher to her class.

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

9. "Someone _____ on the door now," said Mrs Lee to her son.

(1) knocks
(2) knocked
(3) is knocking
(4) has knocked ( )

10. Last week, Benjamin _____ very happy when his friends gave him a soccer ball as his birthday present.

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

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11. As the children _____ soccer in the field, the school bell rang.

(1) play
(2) will play
(3) have played
(4) were playing ( )

12. _____ dog sitting here is our family pet.

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

13. I could not board the bus as there were too _____ people on it.

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

( )

14. Mrs Tan did not like her tea to be too sweet so she added _____ sugar to it.

(1) much
(2) a few
(3) a little
(4) a lot of ( )

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PART II
SECTION C: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Part 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) she	(B) they	(C) you
(D) her	(E) them	(F) it

The world is full of great books waiting to be read. Ask your mother for (15) _____ favourite book. You may like (16) _____ too. What about your siblings? Ask (17) _____ to recommend some books to you. Then, (18) _____ can read their recommendations and share your thoughts with them. It is a fun way to get to know your family and to find a book you will enjoy!

Adapted from http://kidshealth.org/kid/grow/school_stuff/find_book.html

Part 2
Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

Penguins are birds but they cannot fly. They (19) [has / have] feathers and wings and they (20) [walk / walks] upright, heads held high. A penguin's wings (21) [is / are] small and flat. While climbing up slopes, a penguin (22) [hold / holds] its wings to the side for balance. To go downhill, it slides using its wings to steer.

Adapted from 'Click' Children's magazine

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SECTION D: Comprehension Cloze (4 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

The jigsaw puzzle was invented as an educational tool. In the eighteenth century, a mapmaker called John Spilsbury (23) _____ of a way to make learning about the world (24) _____ interesting experience for children. What he did was to paste maps (25) _____ large blocks of wood. He then sawed the wood into 26)_____ pieces and put them into a box. Children had fun putting the interlocking pieces together to form a complete map. While they did so, they also learnt more about the countries in the world.

Adapted from http://www.englishdaily626.com

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SECTION E: Synthesis (4 x 1 mark)

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 meaning of the given sentences.

27. I heard a knock on the door. I was reading the newspaper.

While _____

_____ .

28. Amy had not taken her breakfast. She was not hungry.

_____ although

_____

29. Mother will take us to the playground. We must finish our homework before dinner time.

_____ if

_____

30. Faris does not like to dance. Jon does not like to dance.

Neither _____

_____

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SECTION F: Comprehension

Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

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

Marie's teacher, Miss Lee, noticed that Marie was inattentive in class so she looked around to see if someone was passing notes to her. However, she did not see anything unusual. Miss Lee asked Marie to read and solve the problem on the board. Marie looked distressed and stammered, "I...I don't know how to solve it."

Since Marie was very good in Mathematics, Miss Lee felt that something was wrong. She asked another student to read the problem aloud and explain the solution. As the other student spoke, Miss Lee walked away from Marie but she was actually observing her facial expression. Suddenly, Miss Lee noticed that Marie was squinting! Miss Lee smiled to herself as she realised the reason for Marie's behaviour.

When the bell rang, Miss Lee asked Marie to stay on. "Don't worry, Marie," assured Miss Lee. "I know that you were lying earlier and I also know why. You were squinting. Do you need glasses?"

Marie blushed and replied, "I just got my glasses, Miss Lee but I feel ridiculous wearing them."

"May I see **them** on you?" Miss Lee asked Marie. Marie put on her glasses. Miss Lee said, "Marie, you look a little like your elder sister now."

After hearing that, Marie broke into a huge smile and skipped out of the room happily.

Adapted from 'Insights: Reading as Thinking'

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31. What was Marie doing in Miss Lee's class? [1m]

Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

☐	She was passing notes to her classmate.
☐	She was not paying attention to her lesson.

32. Which word in the sentence has the same meaning as "work out the answer"?

Circle the letter 'A' or 'B'. [1m]

Miss Lee asked Marie to read and solve the problem on the board.

(A) **(B)**

33. Tick (✓) your chosen answer. [1m]

Marie was squinting because _____.

☐	she did not know how to solve the problem.
☐	she could not see the problem on the board clearly.

For Q34 – 35, decide who did the following activities. Tick (✓) your chosen answer. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Activities described in paragraph 1 and 2		**Miss Lee**	**Marie**
Example	stammering		✓
34	telling a lie		
35	smiling to herself		

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For Q36-37, tick (✓) whether the statements described Miss Lee or Marie. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Statement		Miss Lee	Marie
Example	She looked distressed when asked to solve the problem on the board.		✓
36	She noticed something was unusual.		
37	She felt ridiculous wearing her glasses.		

38. What does the word 'them' in Line 17 refer to? [1m]

39. At the end of the story, what were the two things that Marie did which showed she was happy?

(i) _____ [1m]

(ii) _____ [1m]

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Comprehension 2 (10 marks)

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

Would you have a plateful of crunchy crickets as a snack or chocolate-covered ants for dessert? It may sound disgusting to you but about 2 billion people worldwide eat insects as part of their diet and find them delicious. Eating insects is called entomophagy. This practice has been done for thousands of years. The most commonly eaten insects are beetles, crickets, caterpillars, bees, wasps and ants.

There are many good reasons for eating insects. Firstly, insects are good for you! They are packed with protein, fibre, vitamins and minerals. Do you know that a kilogramme of crickets contain more protein than a kilogramme of beef?

Secondly, raising insects is cheaper than raising livestock. Insects take up much less space and need less food and water compared to cows. To rear livestock like cows and sheep, trees are cut down so that these animals can graze **This** causes many wild animals to lose their homes. A much shorter lifespan of insects also means that time spent in raising them is much less than raising livestock.

Thirdly, it is said that if they are prepared well, insects taste really delicious! Many kinds of insects are said to taste a little nutty, especially when they are roasted. Some insects are said to taste like bacon, fish or even fruit. Some like the mealworms do not have much of a taste. They will pick up the flavours of whatever they are cooked with.

A simple way of cooking mealworm is by frying them. Just place some butter on a heated pan till it is melted. Then, add minced roasted garlic and chilli flakes. After that, add the mealworms and mix well. Fry them until they are crispy and lastly season it with salt. So what are you waiting for? Do try an insect today!

Adapted from 'Insects for Dinner" by Rachel Lynette

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40. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

Entomophagy is the _____. [1m]

- ☐ act of raising insects
- ☐ way of cooking insects
- ☐ practice of eating insects

41. Which word tells you that people may not like eating insects? Circle either A or B. [1m]

> It may sound disgusting (A) to you but about 2 billion people worldwide eat insects regularly as part of their diet and find them delicious (B).

42. Read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". Refer to paragraph 3 to help you. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Statement		True	False
Example	Raising livestock is more harmful to the environment than raising insects.	✓	
a.	Raising insects costs more than raising livestock.		
b.	Raising livestock has a positive impact on wildlife animals.		

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43. Write **1, 2** and **3** in the blanks below to show how mealworms can be cooked as explained in the last paragraph. [1m]

	Season the mealworms with salt.
	Put in the mealworms and fry them until they are crispy.
	Melt some butter on a heated pan and then add minced garlic and chilli flakes.

44. What does the word "this" in line 13 refer to? [1m]

45. The garlic has to be cut into small pieces before it is fried. Which word in the last paragraph tells you this? [1m]

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

	Statement	True/False	Reason
a)	People have just started to eat insects these few years.		
b)	All insects taste like meat.		

47. Give a reason why people should eat insects.

_____

_____

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ANSWER KEY

YEAR : 2018
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SECTION A & B

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

SECTION C-D

Q15) D

Q16) F

Q17) E

Q18) C

Q19) have

Q20) walk

Q21) are

Q22) holds

Q23) thought

Q24) an

Q25) onto

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Q26) many

SECTION E

Q27) While I was reading the newspaper, I heard a knock on the door.

Q28) Amy was not hungry although she had not taken her breakfast.

Q29) Mother will take us to the playground if we finish our homework before dinner time.

Q30) Neither Jon nor Faris likes to dance.

SECTION F

Q31) She was not paying attention to her lesson.

Q32) B

Q33) She could not see the problem on the board clearly.

Q34) Marie

Q35) Miss Lee

Q36) Miss Lee

Q37) Marie

Q38) Marie's glasses

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Q39) i: She broke into a huge smile.
ii: She skipped out of the room happily.

Q40) Practice of eating insects

Q41) A

Q42) a: False **b: False**

Q43) 3 > 2 > 1

Q44) Trees being cut down

Q45) Minced

Q46)

a)	People have just started to eat insects these few years.	False	People have been eating insects for thousands of years.
b)	All insects taste like meat.	False	Some insects do not have much of a taste.

Q47) Raising insects is cheaper than livestock, as insects require less space and do not need as much food and water.

END

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MARÍS STELLA HIGH SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PART 1

29 October 2018 (Monday)

Total time for Parts 1 & 2 : 1 h 15 min

NAME	: _____	( )
CLASS	: PRIMARY 4 _____	

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SECTION A: GRAMMAR (8 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct word to complete the blank. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). **Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.**

1. "You can now distribute the cupcakes among _____," Mrs Lim told her pupils.

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

2. While watching a horror film last night, Caleb _____ startled when his pet dog suddenly jumped onto his lap.

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

3. "Listen carefully. Mrs Ang _____ important instructions now," said the principal.

   (1) give
   (2) gave
   (3) is giving
   (4) has given

4. A week ago, my mother _____ me a cake for my birthday.

   (1) bakes
   (2) baked
   (3) has baked
   (4) was baking

5. While we _____ soccer at the field, Mother stayed in the shade to rest.

   (1) play
   (2) will play
   (3) have played
   (4) were playing

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6. The cake is too sweet. Mother has added _____ sugar into it.

(1) little
(2) many
(3) a few
(4) a lot of

7. _____ pupils standing in front of the teacher's bench over there have the best view of the Science experiment.

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

8. Traven and his cousins _____ very happy when they attended their school's 60th Anniversary Carnival.

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

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SECTION B: VOCABULARY **(6 x 1 mark)**

Choose the correct word to complete the blank. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4. **Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.**

9. Joshua has been having diarrhea the whole night. He is too _____ to take his NAPFA test now.

(1) frail
(2) faint
(3) flimsy
(4) fragile

10. The teacher decided to conduct a quiz to _____ her pupil's understanding of the topic.

(1) access
(2) excess
(3) assess
(4) exceed

11. The police are appealing for _____ to provide information about the accident.

(1) witnesses
(2) observers
(3) spectators
(4) bystanders

12. The boy was speaking so softly that we could not make out what he was _____.

(1) hollering
(2) muttering
(3) squealing
(4) spluttering

13. After putting in extra hours to revise her work, Lisa's hard work finally _____ when she did well for her SA2 examination.

(1) paid up
(2) paid off
(3) paid out
(4) paid back

14. Eager to stay out of trouble, the pupils _____ when the angry teacher stormed into the classroom.

(1) walked on eggshells
(2) added insult to injury
(3) fell asleep at the wheel
(4) knocked their socks off

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SECTION C: VISUAL TEXT COMPREHENSION **(5 x 2 marks)**

Read the poster carefully and then answer questions 15 to 19.

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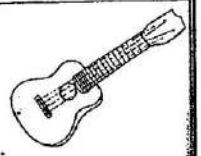
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For each question from 15 to 19, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4).
Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

15. According to the poster, who is the organiser of this event?

(1) Nolza Market
(2) The High Street
(3) Singapore Art Centre
(4) Star Performing Arts Academy

16. Aloysius, who is 25 years old, is only available on weekends. He can only sign up for _____ class.

(1) Ukelele
(2) Puppetry
(3) K-Pop Dance
(4) Magic Wizard

17. Participants who are unable to attend the open house can sign up for the classes by _____.

(1) calling the hotline 6888 1234
(2) sending an email to Tony
(3) visiting Yamima Music School
(4) registering online through the website

18. Which one of the following statements is true?

(1) Visitors can purchase a goodie bag at $50.
(2) The High Street will perform on both days of the open house.
(3) Everyone who visits the open house will receive a free tote bag.
(4) Participants get 10% discount if they sign up for classes at the open house.

19. The main aim of this poster is to _____.

(1) educate the public on music and dance
(2) encourage people to sign up for the classes
(3) advertise the performance by The High Street
(4) invite the public to visit the Singapore Art Centre

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SECTION D: GRAMMAR CLOZE **(8 x 1 mark)**

PASSAGE 1

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

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY

(A) I	(B) it	(C) me
(D) us	(E) she	(F) them

Jane wanted to keep the stray kitten. However, my classmates and **(20)**_____ refused to help as we were afraid of cats.

Jane decided that **(21)**_____ would ask Mr Koh for permission to keep the kitten in the classroom. Mr Koh agreed as he wanted **(22)**_____ to learn about responsibility. He told our class to take turns to look after **(23)**_____. This is the story of Brownie, the class pet.

Score: / 4

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PASSAGE 2

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

Joe is a zookeeper. He looks after the chimpanzees that **(24)** [live / lives] in a man-made enclosure. Joe, together with his team of assistants, **(25)** [prepare / prepares] meals for this troop of chimpanzees every day.

Mashing bananas, watermelons and other exotic fruits for the chimpanzees **(26)** [take / takes] up a lot of time but these greedy chimpanzees (27) [finish / finishes] their meals within minutes. They lick their lips after their hearty meal and Joe smiles in satisfaction.

Score: / 4

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SECTION E: VOCABULARY CLOZE (5 x 1 mark)

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

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(A) candidates	(B) trudged	(C) forthcoming	(D) whizzed
(E) aside	(F) participants	(G) apart	(H) crumpled

The time had finally come. Ali and his teammates had been practising tirelessly for the **(28)**_____ Sports Day. They had set **(29)**_____ an hour after school each day to train for their event - the 4 X 400m relay.

Ali and his teammates took their places along with the other **(30)**_____ of the relay. When the air gun sounded, Jonathan, the first runner on Ali's team, **(31)**_____ past his competitors. Ali's team was in the lead. When it was Ali's turn, the crowd broke into rapturous applause as Ali ran like the wind, past the finish line. Ali **(32)**_____ to the floor in a heap, worn out from sheer exhaustion. Their hard work had paid off and the trophy would soon be theirs.

Score: / 5

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SECTION F: SENTENCE MANIPULATION **(3 x 1 mark)**

For each of the items from 33 to 35, 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 given one(s).

33. Sam does not like the chocolate cake. Sam does not like the cup of milk.

_____ **neither**

_____

34. Josh plays tennis. Josh's cousin plays tennis too.

Both _____

_____

35. We have not saved enough money. We cannot go on a holiday to Australia.

_____ unless

_____

Score:	/ 3

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SECTION G: COMPREHENSION (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

"Wake up! You're going to be late!" Dad's booming voice echoed across the room. Tom staggered out of his bedroom. Wanting to feel refreshed, he stepped into the bathroom to take a cold shower. However, it did not work. He had played computer games for too long the night before and did not have enough time to complete his homework.

Tom rushed to school. Upon reaching the classroom, Jeremy, Tom's classmate, noticed that Tom looked very sleepy. He cracked some jokes and also tickled him hard. However, Tom flopped on his chair and fell asleep. **That** caught the attention of some students in the class. They started banging on the tables and chanting, "Sleepyhead is here!"

Jeremy tried to stop the commotion but failed. Soon, the school bell gave a piercing ring and their Form Teacher, Mrs Wee, marched in.

"Tom, you did not hand in your homework again!" Mrs Wee bellowed and stood with arms akimbo.

Tom jumped out of his chair and his classmates laughed hysterically. He knew he was in hot soup.

During recess, Tom thought, "This shall be my last recess suspension!" He knew he had to change. After school, Tom asked Jeremy to share with him some tips on managing time.

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Do not write in this space.

For Q36 - 37, decide who does the following activities. Tick ✓ your chosen answer. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Activities described in paragraph 1		Tom	Tom's father
Example	Worked through the night	✓	
36.	Shouted across the room		
37.	Took a cold shower		

38. State two things that Jeremy did to help Tom stay awake. [2m]

(i) _____

(ii) _____

39. What does the word **'That'** in line 8 refer to? [1m]

_____

_____

40. Which word in paragraph 1 shows that Tom had difficulty walking? [1m]

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41. State whether each sentence below is **True** or **False**. [2m]

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Sentence	True / False
i) Mrs Wee was not upset when she saw Tom in class.	
ii) Jeremy did not manage to stop the students from teasing Tom.	

42. How was Tom punished when he landed himself in hot soup? [1m]

_____

_____.

43. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.
Tom was determined to make a change in his behaviour because he wanted to _____. [1m]

- ☐ learn some tips on managing time
- ☐ be liked by Mrs Wee and his classmates
- ☐ avoid being punished again

Score: / 10

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EXAM PAPER 2018
LEVEL : PRIMARY 4
SCHOOL : MARIS STELLA HIGH SCHOOL (PRIMARY)
SUBJECT : ENGLISH LANGUAGE
TERM : SA2

PAPER 2
SECTION A, B, C

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

SECTION D, E, F, G, H

Q20. A
Q21. E
Q22. D
Q23. B
Q24. live
Q25. prepares
Q26. takes
Q27. finish
Q28. C
Q29. E
Q30. F
Q31. D
Q32. H
Q33. Sam likes neither the chocolate cake nor the cup of milk.
Q34. Both Josh and his cousin play tennis.
Q35. We cannot go on a holiday to Australia unless we have saved enough money.

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Q36.

		Tom	Tom's father
36.	Shouted across the room.		✓
37	Took a cold shower.	✓	

Q38. (i) Jeremy cracked some jokes.
(ii) Jeremy tickled him hard.

Q39. It refers to Tom flopping on his chair and falling asleep.

Q40. Staggered

Q41. i) False
ii) True

Q42. He received a recess suspension.

Q43. Avoid being punished again.

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Section A: Grammar (8 marks)
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.

1 My sister and I bought the ingredients from the market and prepared dinner _____.

(1) myself
(2) herself
(3) ourselves
(4) themselves

2 While carrying out the science experiment yesterday, Mrs Lee's right hand _____ scalded by some boiling water.

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

The police _____ the case right now. Let's hope that they will catch the culprit soon," said Father.

(1) investigate
(2) investigated
(3) is investigating
(4) are investigating

4 Mother _____ three pairs of shoes last week as they were on sale.

(1) buys
(2) bought
(3) has bought
(4) was buying

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5 While Ali and Halim _____ home from school, they witnessed a serious car accident.

(1) walk
(2) are walking
(3) have walked
(4) were walking

6 _____ toddlers playing over there are screaming at the top of their lungs.

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

7 We have to hurry. There is not _____ time left.

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

8 _____ of the girls is going for the concert as they have an examination tomorrow.*

(1) Any
(2) None
(3) Some
(4) Every

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Section B: Vocabulary (6 marks)

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 The spectators were awed by the _____ display of fireworks at the National Day Parade.

(1) alarming
(2) mystical
(3) miraculous
(4) spectacular

10 Siti tried to _____ where she had left her car keys.

(1) review
(2) register
(3) recollect
(4) recognise

11 At the sound of the horn, the athletes _____ eagerly towards the finishing line.

(1) fled
(2) ambled
(3) trudged
(4) sprinted

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12 Every day, thousands of _____ take the train to work.

(1) motorists
(2) customers
(3) commuters
(4) pedestrians

13 Junita lay on her mat and _____ at the stars till she fell asleep.

(1) gazed
(2) glinted
(3) glanced
(4) glimpsed

14 Ailing is working _____ to complete her project in time so that she can submit it to her teacher the next day.

(1) warily
(2) excitedly
(3) carelessly
(4) frantically

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Section D: 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) it	(B) us	(C) her
(D) we	(E) them	(F) they

Ben and his sister, Laura, were at the beach.

_____ were having a sandcastle building competition.
(15)

Ben told Laura that his sandcastle would be bigger and taller than

_____ sandcastle. Laura worked hard on building a
(16)

beautiful sandcastle. She had even added seashells on

_____.
(17)

All of a sudden, it started to rain and both of

_____ran quickly for shelter. All their hard work had
(18)

been ruined.

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Section E: Grammar Cloze (4 marks)

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

George is a Chinese chef at a hotel. Together with his colleagues, he [prepare / prepares] (19) delicious meals for his patrons. There [is / are] (20) many ingredients that they [has / have] to get ready every morning. (21)

Although his working hours are long and he has to stand all day, George always [wear / wears] (22) a smile. He puts in his best effort to ensure that his patrons enjoy eating at his hotel.

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Section F: Synthesis (2 marks)

For each of the questions **23** and **24**, rewrite the given sentences using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentences.

23 The doctor said, "I am going to send you for a blood test now."

The doctor said that _____

_____

24 Sandy and Charlene are dancers. Sandy and Charlene enjoy performing.

_____

_____

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Section G: Comprehension Cloze (6 marks)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Gold can be found in many parts of the world. For nearly a century, South Africa was the main producer of gold. _____ (25), countries like China, Australia and Russia have recently overtaken South Africa.

One of the popular _____ (26) of obtaining gold found in rivers is by panning. In panning, a sieve-like instrument is used to _____ (27) small gold deposits from gravel and water. Panning for gold is done by holding a special pan and swirling gravel and water together. Gold, _____ (28) is heavy, will sink to the _____ (29) of the pan while gravel and water will be swished out of it.

Geologists examine physical and chemical characteristics of surface rocks to determine if any gold is present _____ (30) the ground beneath. Mining will be worthwhile if there is enough gold that exists under the surface.

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Section H: Comprehension (Selected Response) (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

It was a Saturday and Mindy was getting ready for her birthday party. Every year, Mindy and her mother would make a cinnamon cake fresh on the day of her birthday party, and Mindy thought this year would be no different. She waited excitedly for her mother in the kitchen.

Mindy's mother came into the kitchen and took her apron from a hook on the wall. Instead of putting it on, she put it on Mindy. Surprised, Mindy stood still as her mother tied her apron strings.

"Mindy, I think you're old enough to mix the batter by yourself this year. I'm sure you can do it."

"But Mum.... Yes..., I think I can do it," Mindy said hesitatingly.

"That's right. Now go ahead and start. Call me when you're done. I'm going to blow up the balloons." With that, Mindy was left alone in the kitchen.

Carefully, Mindy measured out the ingredients and poured them into a big bowl. Then, she cautiously mixed the batter until it was perfectly smooth. Next, she poured the batter into a pan. She then called her mother into the kitchen.

Her mother turned on the oven, set the temperature, and put the cake pan into the oven. Mindy had actually done it!

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For Q31-32, tick ✓ whether the statements describe Mindy or her mother. An example has been done for you. [2m]

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Statement		Mindy	Mindy's mother
Example	She took her apron from a hook on the wall.		✓
31	She waited eagerly in the kitchen.		
32	She went to blow up the balloons.		

33 Which word has the same meaning as 'completely'?

Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

Then, she cautiously (A) mixed the batter until it was perfectly (B) smooth.

34 What were the two things Mindy did before mixing the batter? [2m]

i) _____

ii) _____

35 Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

Mindy was _____ when her mother asked her to mix the batter by herself. [1m]

- ☐ upset
- ☐ unsure
- ☐ confident

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For Q36-38, read each statement and tick (✓) either "True" or "False".
An example has been done for you. [3m]

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	Statement	True	False
Example	Mindy was excited about her birthday party.	✓	
36	It was a weekend when Mindy got ready for her birthday party.		
37	Mindy was expecting her mother to put the apron on her.		
38	Mindy put the cake pan into the oven.		

39 What reason did Mindy's mother give when she said Mindy could mix the batter by herself? [1m]

_____

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Section I: Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions **40 to 46**.

Denise passed by and waved to her neighbour, Mr Lee, as he loaded his car with two big suitcases. "He must be going on a long trip. I wonder what gift he'll bring back this time," Denise pondered and smiled widely, as he waved back. She thought no more of it until two days later, when she noticed that Mr Lee's back door was open. "Thieves!" thought Denise as she jumped in shock, but then she saw Mr Lee emerge from the back door. "It's **peculiar** that he packed so much for such a short trip," Denise mumbled to herself.

Denise waved to Mr Lee, but he did not wave back, which certainly seemed out of the ordinary. Mr Lee had always been cordial. Not waving back seemed almost unneighbourly.

The next day, Denise saw Mr Lee get into his car. "Didn't Mr Lee's old car used to be a dull red?" she asked herself. "This one is bright red."

The neighbour she knew was the real Mr Lee, this one seemed false. Mr Lee strolled in a leisurely manner. This Mr Lee had a hurried gait. Mr Lee watered his garden in the morning, but this Mr Lee watered the garden in the evening. Denise was puzzled by Mr Lee's strange behaviour stop thinking about it. Something seemed wrong, Mr Lee was just not himself.

Two weeks later, Mr Lee rang the doorbell. He wore a friendly smile and held out a wrapped parcel and said, "This is a gift from my wonderful trip to Africa." Denise knew at once that this was the real Mr Lee.

"Did you meet my twin brother?" Mr Lee asked. "He took care of my house while I was away."

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40 Write one word from paragraph 4 that has the same meaning as the word "peculiar" in paragraph 1. [1m]

For Q41 write your answer in a complete sentence.

41 Why did Denise think that Mr Lee was going on a long trip? [2m]

42 These were Denise's observations about Mr Lee. Put them in the correct sequence, according to the flow in the story. Write 1, 2 and 3 on the lines.[1m]

_____ Denisesaw Mr Lee getting into a bright red car.

_____ Denisesaw Mr Lee leaving for a trip.

_____ Denisesaw Mr Lee coming out from the back door of his house.

For Q43, write 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets.

43 The Mr Lee whom Denise knew _____. [1m]

(1) bought a new car
(2) walked in a hurried manner
(3) watered his garden in the morning
(4) did not wave back when Denise waved to him ( )

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For Q44, state whether each sentence below is True or False. Give a reason for your answer. Write your answers in complete sentences. [2m]

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	Sentence	True / False	Reason
44 i)	Mr Lee had a twin brother.		
ii)	Mr Lee went away for only two days.		

For Q45-46, write your answers in complete sentences.

45 What does the word 'it' in line 17 refer to? [1m]

46 How did Denise know that the man who rang the doorbell was the real Mr Lee? [2m]

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Booklet B

Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22
F	C	A	E	prepares	are	have	wears

Q23 The doctor said that he was going to send me for a blood test then.

Q24 Sandy and Charlene, who enjoy performing, are dancers.

Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
However	ways	separate	which	bottom	in

Booklet C

Q31 ✓ Mindy

Q32 ✓ Mindy's mother

Q33 (B)

Q34 (i) Mindy measured out the ingredients.
(ii) Mindy poured them into a big bowl.

Q35 [✓] unsure

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Q36 True

Q37 False

Q38 False

Q39 Mindy's mother said she thought Mindy was old enough to mix the batter that year.

Q40 Strange

Q41 She saw him loading his car with two big suitcases.

Q42 3 Denise saw Mr Lee getting into a bright red car.

1 Denise saw Mr Lee leaving for a trip.

2 Denise saw Mr Lee coming out from the back door of his house.

Q43 (3)

Q44 (i) True Mr Lee asked Denise if she had seen his twin brother.

(ii) False Mr Lee returned after two weeks.

Q45 It refers to Mr Lee's strange behavior.

Q46 Denise knew Mr Lee was the real Mr Lee as he wore a friendly smile and handed her a parcel as he always brought parcel wrapped for Denise.

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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 _____ trained very hard and won a gold medal during the recent Olympic Games.

   (1) athletes
   (2) journalists
   (3) performers
   (4) supporters ( )

2. Mother has always been _____ over her children. She makes sure no harm comes to them.

   (1) strict
   (2) protective
   (3) observant
   (4) understanding ( )

3. Mrs Tan had to _____ to stop the boys from their heated argument.

   (1) step in
   (2) step up
   (3) step out
   (4) step down ( )

4. Only invited participants are allowed to _____ this building. Those who are not invited would have to wait at the lobby.

   (1) adapt
   (2) abuse
   (3) access
   (4) acquire ( )

5. Everyone in school knows that John is always getting into trouble. He is _____ for his misbehaviour.

   (1) innocent
   (2) infamous
   (3) indignant
   (4) inquisitive ( )

6. The presenter was _____ to herself and we could not hear her clearly.

   (1) instructing
   (2) murmuring
   (3) threatening
   (4) interrogating ( )

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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. My sister and I painted this drawing _____.

(1) herself
(2) myself
(3) ourselves.
(4) themselves ( )

8. During the Children's Day celebration last month, my classmates and I _____ thrilled by our teacher's performance.

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

9. The old man _____ grateful when Jane helped to carry his bag.

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

10. "Father _____ the stadium now," Shawn told his mother.

(1) leave
(2) leaves
(3) left
(4) is leaving ( )

11. Last week, Anna _____ a new car after selling her old one.

(1) buy
(2) buys
(3) bought
(4) was buying ( )

12. While I _____, I heard the doorbell ring.

(1) shower
(2) showered
(3) am showering
(4) was showering ( )

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13. _____ police men over there are trying to direct the traffic.

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

( )

14. I do not like my soup to be salty. Please do not add too _____ salt.

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

( )

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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) me	(B) I	(C) my
(D) her	(E) you	(F) he

Dear Weiming,

It is the school holidays now. How have (15) _____ been? I am looking forward to a trip with (16) _____ parents. We are going to Japan soon!

My mother has plans to visit her uncle in Tokyo. (17) _____ has been working in Tokyo for the past three years. What would you be doing this holiday? (18)_____ hope to hear from you soon!

Love,

Jiahua

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.*

Pet cats often have their owners to nurse them back to health. Stray cats (19) **[is / are]** not so lucky. However, these stray cats now have hope!

A community cat-based rescue and care group is set up to (20) **[help / helps]** care for sick strays. The group now (21) **[has / have]** more than thirty active volunteers. Volunteers clean the few (22) **[cage / cages]**. They also feed and provide clinical care for unwell cats.

(Adapted from: The Straits Times, 18 April 2018)

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SECTION E: EDITING (6 x 1) marks

Each of the underlined words contains either a grammatical error or a spelling error. Put the correct word in each of the boxes.

For many animals in the ocean, crabs are food. This is a problem for crabs. How (23) [ ] can they stay off the dinner menu? Decorator crab is a type of crab that has find a clever (24) [ ] solution. It "decorates" itself using seaweed or sea sponges to disguize itself from predators.

(25) [ ]

There are more than 100 species of decorator crabs on the world. One species, commonly called the longnose spider crab, usually grab a piece of seaweed and take a (26) [ ] little bite. Sometimes they just ate the seaweed. Other times, they reach for the seaweed (27) [ ] and attech it to the small hooked hairs on their back. These crabs choose to decorate themselves with seaweed that has chemicals in it. Most fish find these chemicals (28) [ ] unappatising.

Picking the right decorating material is important to the longnose spider crabs' chances of survival.

(Adapted from: Highlights January 2017)

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

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

29. Peter has not been to Thailand. Jane has not been to Thailand.

Neither _____ **nor** _____

_____

30. The chocolate has expired. Tom is eating the chocolate.

_____ **yet**

_____

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SECTION G: COMPREHENSION 1 (10 marks)

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

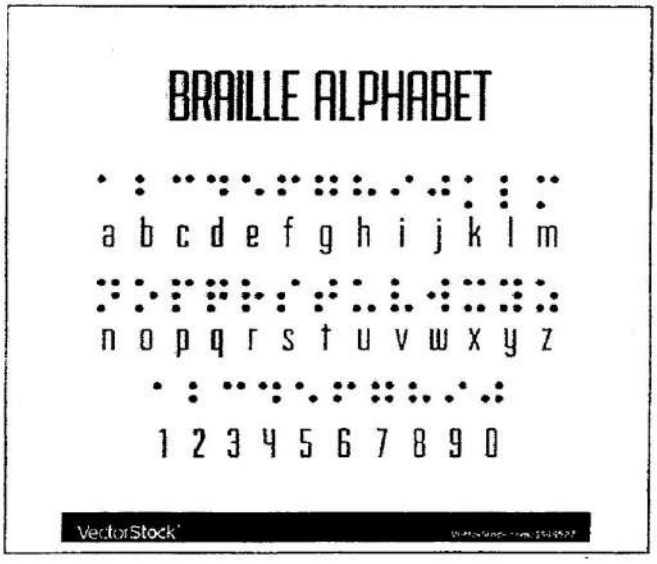
Braille is a system of touch reading and writing for blind persons. In braille, raised dots represent the letters of the alphabet. (See image below) Braille enables blind individuals to read and to pursue hobbies with materials such as music scores and board games.

Louise Braille was one of the few people who have changed the world in major ways. Born in 1809 in France, Louise was an only child with perfect eyesight. His father was a leathersmith and Louise enjoyed exploring in his workshop, imitating his dad. When he was three, Louise injured his eye when playing with a tool. Infection eventually blinded him in both eyes.

Although Louise's parents were not rich they were determined to provide their son with the same opportunities as other children. So, they sent him to school to learn. Louise had a good memory which helped him do well in school. At ten, he took up piano and organ studies. At thirteen, Louise was inspired to make changes to the way blind people used to read. After two years of hard work, he came up with a new system which required just a fingertip to read.

Louise was forty-three when he passed away. One year later, France, adopted braille as its communication system for the blind.

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(31) Which word has the same meaning as 'copying'? (1m)

Circle either (A) or (B).

Louise enjoyed <u>exploring</u> in his workshop, <u>imitating</u> his dad.
(A) **(B)**

(32) According to the passage, list down two things the braille system has enabled blind individuals to do.

1) _____

2) _____

(33) Tick √ your chosen answer.

According to the text, how did Louise hurt his eyes? (1m)

☐ He fell.

☐ He got into a car accident.

☐ He played with tools.

(34) Which word from the second paragraph has the same meaning as "in the end"? (1m)

☐

(35) Louise grew up in a family that was _____. (1m)

(1) rich
(2) poor
(3) abusive ( )

(36) Louise took up piano and organ studies when he was _____. (1m)

(1) ten
(2) three
(3) thirteen ( )

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(37) Louise was born blind. (1m)

Circle the correct answer. **True / False**

(38) What helped Louise do well in school? (1m)

(39) Louise passed away before France adopted braille system as the official communication system for the blind. (1m)

Circle the correct answer. **True / False**

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SECTION H: COMPREHENSION 2 (10 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer questions 40 to 46.

Alex and his mother lived in poverty. However, Alex's mother saved up to send him to school. When Alex turned fifteen, his mother said, "Son, it is time for you to learn to make a living for yourself. There is a rich merchant called John who lives in the next town. Ask him to lend you some money to start a business."

Alex set off immediately. When he arrived at John's house, Alex asked John if he could borrow some money. "Do you see that dead mouse on the floor? I will lend that to you," said John playfully. Thinking that it was impossible to turn a dead mouse into money, John burst into laughter as Alex took the mouse and left.

Along the way, Alex met a trader who was being clawed by his restless cat. He offered to give the dead mouse for the cat to play with. Grateful, the trader gave him handfuls of flour and a pitcher. Alex made bread with the flour and filled the pitcher with water. Then, he set himself up in a spot between the forest and the town gates. At the end of the day, hungry and thirsty woodcutters from his town came out of the forest and Alex offered them some bread and water. In return, each woodcutter gave him some money.

Alex bought more flour to make bread. He did this for many weeks until his purse was filled with money. He then bought and sold more types of goods.

Customers came from different parts of the world to buy his goods. With years of hard work, Alex became wealthy. Then, he got a jeweller to make a gold mouse and delivered it to John to repay what he had borrowed. John was surprised to see Alex and congratulated the boy who had once borrowed a dead mouse from him.

Adapted from Storytime, Issue 7

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

40. Name one thing that Alex's mother asked him to do when he turned fifteen. (1m)

_____

_____

41. Which word in paragraph two has the same meaning as 'without delay'? (1m)

42. Why did John break into laughter when Alex took the mouse? (2m)

_____

_____

43. How did Alex make money from the flour that was given to him? (2m)

_____

_____

44. Write 1, 2, 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. (1m)

_____ Alex became wealthy.

_____ Alex started a business.

_____ Alex picked up a dead mouse.

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45. Based on the passage, state whether each statement is true or false. Then give your reason. (2x1m)

Statement	True/False	Reason
(a) The dead mouse was not of any use to Alex.		
(b) Alex became rich by selling goods only to people from his town.		

46. How did Alex repay John for the dead mouse? (1m)

_____

_____

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BOOKLET A

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

Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18
E	C	F	B

Q19	are	Q23	found	Q27	attach
Q20	help	Q24	disguise	Q28	unappetising
Q21	has	Q25	in		
Q22	cages	Q26	eat		

Q29 Neither Peter not Jane has been to Thailand.

Q30 The chocolate has expired yet Tom is eating it.

Q31 (B)

Q32 1) The braille system allows blind individuals to read.

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2) The braille system allows blind individuals to pursue hobbies with materials.

Q33 ✓ He played with tools.

Q34 eventually

Q35	2	Q37	False	Q39	True
Q36	1	Q38	his good memory		–

Q40 Alex's mother told Alex to learn to make a living for himself.

Q41 immediately

Q42 John thought it was impossible to turn a dead mouse into money so he broke into laughter when Alex took the dead mouse.

Q43 Alex made bread and sold the bread to a few woodcutters and each woodcutter gave him some money.

Q44 3 Alex became wealthy.

2 Alex started a business.

1 Alex picked up a dead mouse.

Q45

Statement	True/False	Reason
a) The dead mouse was not of any use to Alex	False	Alex traded the dead mouse for handfuls of flour and a pitcher.
b)Alex became rich by selling goods only to people from his town.	False	Customers came from different parts of the world to buy his goods.

Q46 Alex asked a jeweller to make a gold mouse and delivered it to John.

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NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
SECOND SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2018

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY 4

BOOKLET B: LANGUAGE USE & COMPREHENSION

DURATION FOR BOOKLET B: 1 hour 15 minutes

Name: _____ ( ) Class : Pr 4 (D)

Parent's Signature:_____

Booklet A : Listening Comprehension	12½/14
Booklet B : Language Use & Comprehension (Part 1 and Part 2)	43/50
Writing	12/20
Oral	13/16
TOTAL	80½/100

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PART 1
SECTION A: GRAMMAR (6 x 1 m = 6 marks)

For each question from 1 to 6, four options are given. Choose the correct answer. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

1. We _____ the museum later on in the afternoon.

(1) visit
(2) visited
(3) are visiting
(4) were visiting

2. We have cleared all our belongings except for _____ books in the next room.

(1) this
(2) that
(3) these
(4) those

3. Jane _____ in the park this morning when she found the injured puppy.

(1) jogs
(2) jogged
(3) is jogging
(4) was jogging

4. "My son and I maneged to replace the spoilt tap _____." Mrs Lim told her neighbour.

(1) myself
(2) herself
(3) ourselves
(4) themselves

5. John has _____ money to spend as he does not earn a lot.

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

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6. Aminah _____ the only pupil who did not take the physical fitness test yesterday.

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

SECTION B: VOCABULARY (8 x 1 m = 8 marks)

For each question from 7 to 14, four options are given. Choose the correct answer. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

7. This carton of milk will _____ in two days' time.

(1) finish
(2) cease
(3) wither
(4) expire

8. Mary was caught in the rain and was _____ from head to toe.

(1) watered
(2) sprayed
(3) drenched
(4) immersed

9. A van _____ with a lorry and caused a traffic jam.

(1) banged
(2) collided
(3) knocked
(4) smashed

10. After a long and tiring flight, my family and I finally reached our _____ .

(1) ending
(2) destiny
(3) closure
(4) destination

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11. You have to pay your train _____ at the beginning of the journey.

(1) bill
(2) fee
(3) fare
(4) cost

12. The injured athlete _____ to the finish line.

(1) trotted
(2) limped
(3) marched
(4) scampered

13. The basketball players trained very hard in order to win the _____ for their school.

(1) friendship
(2) leadership
(3) championship
(4) sportsmanship

14. The _____ at the stadium applauded the winning team to show their support.

(1) members
(2) spectators
(3) competitors
(4) pedestrians

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PART 2
SECTION C: GRAMMAR CLOZE (8 X 1m = 8 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)	down	B)	for	C)	in
D)	of	E)	out	F)	to

Passage 1

Below is a report about pandas.

Wild pandas are found in thick bamboo forests in China. Their favourite food is bamboo shoots. They can eat up to forty kilogrammes (15) _____ bamboo a day. Pandas eat different parts of the bamboo according (16) _____ the seasons. On the other hand, captive pandas are fed a richer diet and do not have to look 17) _____ food. In the hot summer, they are fed ice with apples to cool them (18) _____ . Pandas in captivity spend less time eating and more time sleeping.

Passage 2

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

There is a shortcut from my house to the main road. This shortcut (19)[take . takes , me through a row of old houses. The residents of these old houses (20) [show shows] great pride in their estate. They (21) [grow / grows] beautiful flowers in their gardens. The estate (22) [is / are] very clean and neat. What a pleasant estate!

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SECTION D: SENTENCE-COMBINING (4 X 2m = 8 marks)

For each of the questions from 23 to 26, combine the sentences to make **one** sentence using the word (s) given. The meaning of the sentences must be the same as the sentences given.

23. ~~Lily~~ Lily fell down. ~~She~~ She did not cry.

_____ although

_____

24. Adam did not go to the party. Ben did not go to the party.

Neither _____ nor

_____.

25. Ali ate too much food. He became ill.

_____ because

_____.

26. You study hard. You may win the scholarship.

If _____

_____

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SECTION E: COMPREHENSION (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions 27 to 35.

When Terry and Jim finally reached the top, they smelled smoke. Jim looked around for the source. "Terry!" he whispered, "The Community House ..."

Terry saw it too. They had been in its basement just fifteen minutes ago. Where was everybody? Had the children started on their breakfast yet? These questions raced through Terry's mind as they bolted down the hill.

All the doors were ablaze, but the boys broke in through the basement door. Where were the children? The flames were getting more intense, and the thick smoke caused Jim to gasp. Then, a piercing scream came from the first floor. Terry and Jim darted upstairs and found five children huddling in the corner, wailing in fear.

Terry pushed open the window and they lifted the children out to safety. Then both of them leaped out of it as well. That was when they heard a child scream. Terry started to go back in but Jim grabbed and restrained him. The last thing Terry remembered was Jim dragging him away from the burning house before he fainted.

When Terry woke up from the hospital bed, everything was spinning. "Where's Jim?" he asked the nurse. Then, Terry remembered the scream. She reassured him, "Your friend was injured while dragging you away from the fire, but he should be fine. A firefighter had also saved Millie, the last trapped child. Both Jim and Millie are recovering well in the hospital."

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27. Where were Terry and Jim when they realised the Community House was on fire? [2m]

_____

_____

28. From paragraph 2, which **word** tells us that Terry and Jim ran very fast down the hill?

[1m]

For questions 29 to 30, tick to indicate if each statement is true or false. [2m]
The first example has been done for you.

		True	False
Example	**The Community House was on fire.**	✓	
29.	The fire started in the morning.		
30.	Terry spotted the fire first.		

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

Terry and Jim darted upstairs and found five children **huddling** (A) in the corner, **wailing** (B) in fear.

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32. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks to indicate the order of events that took place in the story. [1m]

	Terry and Jim saw the Community House on fire.
	Terry and Jim were in the basement of the Community House.
	Terry and Jim broke the basement door to get into the burning house.

33. From paragraph 3, which **two-word** phrase describes the thing that made Jim gasp? [1m]

34. What does '**it**' in line 12 refer to? [1m]

35. Who were hospitalised after the rescue? [1m]

	Jim and Millie
	Terry, Jim and Millie
	Terry, Jim and the firefighter

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

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 36 to 40.

There was a king of Scotland named Robert Bruce. His country was invaded by the English, who wanted to rule their northern neighbour. Many fierce battles were fought but the English were victorious time after time. The king had tried to save Scotland from his enemies, but he lost every battle. Most of his soldiers had been killed or wounded. To save himself from the same fate, Robert Bruce had to flee to a small island. Eventually, the defeated Scottish armies had to retreat.

Robert Bruce found a deserted hut and had to seek shelter there from the pouring rain. He lay down on the floor of the hut and thought to himself, "I've fought six battles and I have been defeated all six times by the English. I might as well give up."

He was thinking about his difficult situation when he suddenly noticed a tiny spider hanging from a swinging thread, trying to spin its web. However, the thread broke and the spider fell to the ground. The spider crawled up the wall and tried again. Again, it failed and fell.

Undaunted, the spider tried once more. Robert Bruce forgot his problems and watched it with fascination. Six times the spider attempted to spin a web and six times it failed.

"Surely it will not try again," thought the king. "The spider must be discouraged by now." Much to his amazement, the spider persisted. Finally, on the seventh try, the little creature achieved what it had set out to do.

"Little spider, thank you for the lesson you have taught me. Like you, I have failed many times, but I must try again till I too can succeed."

Therefore, Robert Bruce went back into battle and eventually drove his enemies out of Scotland.

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36. Why did the English attack Scotland?

_____

_____

37. According to paragraph 1, what could have happened to Robert Bruce if he had not fled to a small island?

_____

_____

38. What was the reason that made Robert Bruce want to give up fighting the English?

_____

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39. From paragraph 5, explain why Robert Bruce was amazed by the spider.

_____

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40. What lesson did Robert Bruce learn from the spider?

_____

_____

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BOOKLET B - PART 1

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

BOOKLET B – PART 2

Q15) D

Q16) F

Q17) B

Q18) A

Q19) takes

Q20) show

Q21) grow

Q22) is

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Q23) Lily did not cry although she fell down.

Q24) Neither Adam nor Ben went to the party.

Q25) Ali became ill because he ate too much food.

Q26) If you study hard, you may win the scholarship.

Q27) Terry and Jim were at the hilltop when they realised the Community House was on fire.

Q28) bolted

Q29) True

Q30) False

Q31) B

Q32) 2 > 1 > 3

Q33) Thick smoke

Q34) The window

Q35) Terry, Jim and Millie

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Q36) The English wanted to rule their norther neighbour.

Q37) Robert Bruce could have gotten injured or wounded by the English.

Q38) Robert Bruce fought six battles but he had been defeated all six times by the English.

Q39) Robert Bruce was amazed by the spider because it persisted to try again and succeeded on the seventh try.

Q40) Robert Bruce learnt that despite many failures, he could still try again till he succeed.

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2018

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Name : _____ **Class: P4** ____ **Index No:** ____

22 Oct 2018 ENGLISH (Part 1) Duration: 1 h 15 min (Part 1 & 2)

Section A: Grammar (8 X 1 mark)

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

1. While cleaning the house last night, Jane and I _____ startled when the doorbell rang.

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

2. Yesterday, Jane _____ three sweaters from me before going to Japan.

   (1) borrows
   (2) borrowed
   (3) has borrowed
   (4) was borrowing

3. _____ girl sitting there has the best chance to win the competition.

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

4. My brother went to the canteen and bought _____ a bowl of noodle.

   (1) herself
   (2) himself
   (3) ourselves
   (4) themselves

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5. The boy _____ upset because he tripped and fell during recess.

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

6. "Listen carefully. The principal _____ important information on the upcoming National Day celebrations at the moment," said Mr Ong.

(1) gave
(2) gives
(3) is giving
(4) has given

7. The soup is not salty enough. It has too _____ salt in it.

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

8. John lives only _____ blocks away from school.

(1) little
(2) none
(3) a few
(4) much

Section B: Vocabulary (6 X 1 mark)

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

9. The student who confessed to her teacher for cheating in the test was _____ for having the courage to own up to her mistake.

(1) abused
(2) praised
(3) punished
(4) welcomed

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10. Sarah was left _____ in the small town with no place to stay when she missed the last train back to the city.

(1) ruined
(2) stranded
(3) secluded
(4) discarded

11. The handwriting on the old manuscript has faded so much that it is barely _____.

(1) stable
(2) legible
(3) reliable
(4) durable

12. The _____ watched the pupils as they did their paper during the examination.

(1) witness
(2) spectator
(3) invigilator
(4) announcer

13. After quarrelling for days, the boys' teacher encouraged them to _____ their problems and make peace with each other.

(1) resent
(2) repent
(3) resolve
(4) release

14. The customers were tricked by the _____ salesman into buying the faulty electrical goods.

(1) pitiful
(2) faithful
(3) merciful
(4) deceitful

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Section C: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 15 - 23.

One in five primary school children have reported being "cyberbullied". According to counsellors, the number of cyberbullies among young people looks set to grow further.

"This is due to cyberbullying becoming more common over the years and thus, being mistaken as normal behaviour by children," said Ms Lee, president of the volunteer group. Mr Tan, assistant manager of Cyber Wellness group added, "The rising number of online bullies is worrying."

Mr Tan has also commented that the victims of cyberbullying may suffer from consequences that are more serious than face-to-face bullying. On the internet, the insults and rumours can be never-ending. Furthermore, the information can even come back to haunt one in the future. The experience or shame suffered can be more intense as the audience is much bigger.

Why do children engage in cyberbullying? Perhaps, they may have done so out of boredom. Mr Tan thinks they are egged on by their peers and that they have acted out in the heat of the moment. Ms Lee thinks some children do not realise the reach and impact that their words can have online. She adds that most of these bullies feel bolder thinking there will not be any consequences since they hide behind their online names.

Adapted from *The Straits times*, *Janice Tai*, *'One in four secondary students admits to Cyberbullying'*

15. In **paragraph 1**, who said that the number of cyberbullying is rising? [1m]

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For questions 16 – 17, read each statement and tick (✓) whether the statement is "True" or "False". Refer to **paragraph 2** to help you. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Statement		True	False
Example	Cyberbullying has become more common over the years.	✓	
16.	Ms Lee is the assistant manager of Cyber Wellness group.		
17.	Mr Tan is worried about the growing numbers of cyberbullying cases.		

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

The experience **(A)** or shame **(B)** suffered can be more intense as the audience is much bigger.

19. From **paragraph 3**, state two reasons why cyberbullying has more serious consequences than face-to-face bullying.

(i) _____ [1m]

(ii) _____ [1m]

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20. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

On the internet, the insults and rumours _____. [1m]

	do no harm
	affect the victim's future
	only reach a small group of people

Read **paragraph 4** carefully. For Q21 – 23, decide who stated the following reasons why children commit cyberbullying.

Tick (✓) your chosen answer. The first example has been done for you. [3m]

Reasons stated in paragraph 4		Mr Tan	Ms Lee
Example	They act out in the heat of the moment.	✓	
21.	They are encouraged by their peers.		
22.	They do not realise the impact of their words.		
23.	They feel braver hiding behind a fake name online.		

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22 Oct 2018 **ENGLISH (Part 2)**

Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (8 X1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to M) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) ability	(B) aggressive	(C) character
(D) closely	(E) depth	(F) keep
(G) length	(H) release	(J) search
(K) shallow	(L) size	(M) timely

The Amazon is home to a whole host of fascinating and deadly creatures, including the electric eel. This famous freshwater predator gets its name from the fact that it has the (24) _____ to produce electricity. A single jolt could disable a person long enough to cause him or her to drown, even in (25) _____ water. Multiple shocks could cause a person to stop breathing or experience heart failure.

Electric eels can grow up to 2.5 metres in (26) _____ . Despite their snake-like appearance, electric eels are not actually eels at all! Instead, they are more (27) _____ related to carp and catfish. Although eels have the power to be the bullies of the Amazon, they are actually not very (28) _____ animals. They have poor eyesight, but can emit a

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weak electric signal. It is like a ship's radar signal which the eels use to (29)_____ for and capture their prey.

Special organs in the eel's body (30) _____ powerful electric charges of up to 650 volts — that is more powerful than a standard wall power socket! It can generate an enormous electrical charge to stun its prey and (31) _____ predators at bay. The shock of an electric eel has been known to knock a horse off its feet. Now, that's shocking!

Adapted from https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/electric-eel/#ElectricEel2.jpg

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Section E: Grammar Cloze 1 (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) her	(B) he	(C) me
(D) she	(E) them	(F) they

Joshua has been collecting stamps since he was seven years old. He has a large collection of stamps. (32) _____ come in different shapes and sizes but he prefers to arrange (33) _____ according to their dates. (34) _____ takes note of the dates of release for new stamps and queues at the post office to purchase them. His aunt, Susan, exchanges stamps with him whenever (35) _____ visits him every weekend.

Section F: Grammar Cloze 2 (4 X 1 mark)

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

Jennifer is the eldest daughter of the Tan family. Her parents are both busy at work. She (36) [has / have] been taking care of her siblings. She (37) [is / are] a responsible and caring sister. Her siblings (38) [love / loves] her dearly. Unknown to them, she studies at night when they (39) [sleep / sleeps].

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Section G: Open-ended Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 40 - 48.

Kate grew up in a close-knit family. Kate's parents taught her at a young age to always stand up for the family. Every Sunday, Kate and her parents would visit her grandparents.

In the summer, Kate's grandmother would take her to the sea to look for mermaids or build sand castles for princesses. Kate thought her grandmother was a lot of fun. Grandpa loved to tell stories. He would charm everyone with his tales about his life as a young navy officer on a submarine and his adventures riding his bicycle through Europe during springtime. To Kate, neither of her grandparents seemed old which was why she loved being with them.

One Sunday, while visiting her grandparents, Kate noted that Grandpa was repeating the same stories. When she asked him about his day, he could not seem to remember what he had done. At first, Kate did not think much about it until Kate witnessed Grandpa lose his cool when he could not find his keys. When her grandmother tried to tell him that he was not allowed to drive, he sulked like a child and slammed the door as he left the room. This behaviour was not like Grandpa at all! Kate watched as her grandmother shook her head and sighed in dismay. Kate quietly turned away and went back to the living room.

After several more weekend visits, it was clear to Kate that something was wrong with Grandpa. She observed that Grandpa kept repeating himself and that he could not seem to remember what he had done. Kate told her mother, "This morning, Grandpa did not remember my name. Mom, what's happening to Grandpa?" Kate asked.

Adapted from *'What's Happening to Grandpa?'* by Maria Shriver

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40. What was Kate taught to stand up for at a young age?

_____ [1m]

41. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.
In **paragraph 1**, how often did Kate's family visit her grandparents? [1m]

	daily
	weekly
	fortnightly

For Q42-44, read each statement, tick ✓ "True" or "False" and give a reason for your answer. Refer to **paragraph 2** to help you. The first example has been done for you. [3m]

	Statement	True	False	Reason
Example	Kate's grandmother would take her to the beach in spring.		✓	Kate's grandmother would take her to the beach in the summer.
42.	Kate thought her grandmother was fun.			
43.	Kate loved to charm people by telling them tales about her grandfather's life.			
44.	Kate loved being with her grandparents.			

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45. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the boxes provided to show which event happened first, next and last in **paragraph 3**. [1m]

	Grandpa sulked and slammed the door.
	Kate's grandmother shook her head and sighed in dismay.
	Grandpa could not remember where he had left his keys.

46. In **paragraph 3**, which sentence shows that Kate did not want to embarrass her grandmother after witnessing the argument between her grandparents? [1m]

47. Which adjective best describes Kate's character? [1m]
Put a tick ✓ in the box beside your answer. DO NOT TICK MORE THAN ONE BOX.

observant		helpful	
impatient		rude	

48. For Q48, write your answer in complete sentences.
According to **paragraph 4,** give two reasons why Kate suspected something was wrong with grandfather. [2m]

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SECTION A-B

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

SECTION C

Q15) counsellors

Q16) False

Q17) True

Q18) B

Q19) i: On the internet, insults and rumours can be never-ending.

ii: The information can come back to haunt one in the future.

Q20) affect the victim's future

Q21) Mr Tan

Q23) Ms Lee

Q23) Ms lee

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SECTION D - F

Q24) A

Q25) K

Q26) G

Q27) D

Q28) B

Q29) J

Q30) H

Q31) F

Q32) F

Q33) E

Q34) B

Q35) D

Q36) has

Q37) is

Q38) love

Q39) sleep

SECTION G

Q40) always stand up for the family

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Q41) weekly

42)	**Kate thought her grandmother was fun.**	✔		**Kate's grandmother would take her to sea to look for mermaids or build sandcastles for princesses.**
43)	**Kate loved to charm people by telling them tales about her grandfather's life.**		✔	**Kate's grandpa would charm everyone with his tales about his life as a young navy officer and his adventures of riding his bicycle through Europe in springtime.**
44)	**Kate loved being with her grandparents.**	✔		**To Kate, neither of her grandparents seemed old which was why she loved being with them.**

Q45) 2 > 3 > 1

Q46) Kate quietly turned away and went back to the living room.

Q47) Observant

Q48) Grandpa kept repeating himself and he could not seem to remember what he had done.

END

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ROSYTH SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT TWO 2018
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 4

Name: _____ Register No. _____

Class: Pr 4 _____

Total duration for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 15 minutes

Date: 24 October 2018 Parent's Signature: _____

BOOKLET A

Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 19 questions (Questions 1 to 19).
4. **Answer ALL the questions and shade them in the correct ovals on the 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) During recess yesterday, we _____ excited to see game booths set up outside the school canteen.

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

2) Without getting help from our parents, Mike and I followed the instructions and made the toy_____.

(1) himself
(2) myself
(3) ourselves
(4) themselves

3) While I _____ a meal, I heard the doorbell ring.

(1) cook
(2) will cook
(3) was cooking
(4) have cooked

4) _____ boys across the road are playing recklessly near the drain.

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

5) My mother _____ proud of me when I helped her with the household chores.

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

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6) After dinner last night, we came home and _____ the World Cup finals on television.

(1) watch
(2) watched
(3) have watched
(4) were watching

7) "Be quiet. The students _____ their examination now," whispered the teacher.

(1) take
(2) will take
(3) have taken
(4) are taking

8) There was too _____ sugar in the tea so it was not very sweet.

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

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 paramedics treated all the _____ at once after they were rescued from the fire.

(1) patients
(2) casualties
(3) onlookers
(4) witnesses

10) The boy was about to pay for his book when he _____ that his wallet was missing.

(1) guessed
(2) believed
(3) discovered
(4) examined

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11) Ali tripped over the carpet, _____ the cup of milk all over it.

(1) spilling
(2) sprinkling
(3) dropping
(4) scattering

12) We were very _____ because our neighbour's dog was barking loudly in the middle of the night.

(1) confused
(2) disappointed
(3) annoyed
(4) embarrassed

13) The main _____ for making ice cream are cream, sugar and vanilla essence.

(1) accessories
(2) appliances
(3) instructions
(4) ingredients

14) The crossword puzzle was so difficult that I felt like _____.

(1) giving up
(2) giving off
(3) giving out
(4) giving away

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Section C: Visual Text Comprehension (5 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 1 mark)

Healthy Cooking with Olive Oil

Learn to cook appetising dishes with this flavourful oil





Registration fee

$20 per person

With 25 years of cooking experience, multi award-winning Chef Ken will introduce you to this nutrient-rich oil. Discover how you can use "Tofal" cast iron cookware to whip up delicious meals. Using Valley Brand olive oil, the highly skilled Chef Ken will serve up Stewed Chicken Thigh with Tomatoes, Baked Rice with Salmon and Stir-Fried Pasta with Prawn. The cooking session will end with a demonstration on how to bake Chef Ken's ever popular "Olive Oil Carrot Cake".

Date:	Saturday, 10 November 2018
Time:	Session 1 (10am- 12 noon) OR Session 2 (1pm - 3pm)
Venue:	Milestone Cooking Studio 56, Jalan Besar (next to Deluxe Photography)

Register online at www.cookingstudio.com

Venue Sponsor
Milestone Cooking Studio
Product Sponsor
Valley Brand
Tofal Cookware

Registration closes on 2 November 2018

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15) According to the advertisement, olive oil is _____.

(1) popular
(2) delicious
(3) flavourful
(4) appetising

16) Chef Ken has won many awards because he _____.

(1) is highly skilled in cooking
(2) conducts free cooking sessions
(3) uses cast iron cookware to whip up meals
(4) makes use of olive oil in his cooking demonstration

17) Which one of the following dishes is Chef Ken most recognised for?

(1) Olive Oil Carrot Cake
(2) Stewed Chicken Thigh
(3) Baked Rice with Salmon
(4) Stir-Fried Pasta with Prawn

18) _____ is not one of the sponsors for the cooking session.

(1) Valley Brand
(2) Tofal Cookware
(3) Deluxe Photography
(4) Milestone Cooking Studio

19) According to the advertisement, which one of the following statements is true?

(1) Interested participants can register online.
(2) The cooking sessions are held on a weekday.
(3) All participants can register on the day of the event.
(4) Participants can attend both Session 1 and Session 2.

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT TWO 2018
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 4

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Class: P4 _____

Total duration for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 15 minutes

Date: 24 October 2018 Parent's Signature: _____

BOOKLET B

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2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 31 questions (Questions 20 to 50)
4. **Answer ALL the questions and write all the answers in this booklet.**

	Maximum	Marks Obtained
Booklet A	**19**	
Booklet B	**31**	
Total	**50**	

Component	Question Numbers	Marks Obtained
Grammar & Vocabulary	**1-14 20-33 39-40**	
Comprehension Cloze	**34-38**	
Comprehension	**15-19 41-50**	

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Section A: Grammar Cloze (8 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 A WORD ONCE ONLY. (4 x 1 mark)

(A) it	(B) we	(C) he
(D) they	(E) you	(F) she

That morning, it rained cats and dogs. Siti panicked when (20) _____ saw water entering the living room of her house. Her parents tried to carry all the expensive items to the second floor. As (21) _____ were carrying the items, some fell into the water. (22) _____ was a frightening sight for Siti. "Don't worry, Siti. (23) _____ will be fine if you stay upstairs," said her mother. Siti felt better after her mother's assurance.

Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets. (4 x 1 mark)

John owns an ice cream shop. He (24) [has / have] experience in making ice cream for many years. His ice cream shop (25) [is / are] popular with both the young and old. His regular customers always (26) [visit / visits] the shop for their favourite ice cream. They (27) [love / loves] his delicious ice cream. They keep coming back for more.

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Section B: Vocabulary Cloze (3 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 A WORD ONCE ONLY. (3 x 1 mark)

(A) extinct	(B) eat	(C) scientists
(D) survive	(E) hunters	(F) endangered

There are not many wild pandas left in the world. They are definitely an (28) _____ species whose future is threatened. (29) _____ estimate that there are only around 1,800 wild pandas alive today. Pandas have a very special diet. They only eat bamboo. Sadly, humans have cleared much of the bamboo forests that wild pandas need in order to (30) _____ . Without these forests, pandas will die of starvation.

Adapted from https://sciencing.com/pandas-endangered-animals-5176027.html

Section C: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (3 marks)

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (3 x 1 mark)

Last Thursday, Ali stayed behind after class to help his friend. As such, he did not (31) _____ have time to eat his lunch during his soccer practice. After an hour of training, he started to (32) _____ feel very hungry and weak. His face turn as pale as a sheet. The coach was concerned (33) _____ and told him to take a break imedeately. Ali's friend went to get him a hot drink and some biscuits. He felt much better after that.

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Section D: Comprehension Cloze (5 marks)
Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (5 x 1 mark)

It was a very cold night. A group of monkeys was clinging onto the branches of a tree. One of them said, "I wish we could find some fire to keep us (34) _____ ."

Suddenly, they noticed a swarm (35) _____ fireflies and thought that it was fire. A young monkey caught a firefly, put it under a dry leaf and started blowing at it. All the (36) _____ monkeys also did the same.

Meanwhile, a sparrow flew by and said, "That is a firefly, not real fire. All of you should (37) _____ shelter in a cave before it gets too cold." However, the monkeys did not (38) _____ to the sparrow's advice and continued to blow at the poor firefly.

After some time, they realised that the sparrow was right. They set the firefly free and moved into a nearby cave.

Adapted from http://www.kidsworldfun.com/shortstories_fools.php

Section E: Sentence Manipulation (2 marks)

For questions 39 and 40, 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). (2 x 1 mark)

(39) The workers were very tired. The workers could not fall asleep.

_____ although

_____ .

(40) Both Donna and Maria dislike durians.

Neither _____

_____

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Section F: Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

One day, Tyler read about the theft of an album of treasured stamps. The album belonged to a collector named Mr Lee. Tyler himself loved collecting stamps during his free time. He had a large stamp collection which **he** had lent to his friend, Roger. Being cautious, he decided to get his stamp album back as he felt it would be more secure with him. However, Tyler could not go to his friend's house as his tuition teacher would be arriving soon.

Tyler decided to ask his brother, Kean, to collect his album from Roger. An hour later, Kean came back with a black stamp album. Tyler was confused as his album was blue. Kean explained that he had knocked on the door many times but there was no response, so he left. On his way home, Kean passed by a pile of trash and noticed the black stamp album. He decided to bring it home after realising that it contained many stamps.

"**This** contains valuable stamps!" Tyler exclaimed. "We cannot keep this album." The brothers immediately went to the police station to report that they had found a valuable stamp album. Tyler and Kean were shocked when the police told **them** it was the stolen album belonging to Mr Lee. A week later, Tyler and Kean were rewarded for returning the album.

Adapted from http://www.english-for-students.com/Holidays.html

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(41) Name one activity that Tyler liked to do during his free time. [1m]

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

Being cautious (A), he decided to get his stamp album back as he felt it would be more secure (B) with him.

(43) Why did Tyler ask his brother to collect his stamp album from Roger? [1m]

(44) Tick ✓ the correct answer.

Tyler was confused because _____. [1m]

	no one opened Roger's door
	he could not go to Roger's house
	Kean came home with a different stamp album

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(45) Write **1, 2** or **3** in the blanks to show the correct order of events in the story. [1m]

_____ Kean picked up a black stamp album.

_____ Mr Lee's stamp album was stolen.

_____ Tyler and Kean made a police report.

For Questions 46 – 47, what does each word refer to? [2m]

The first example has been done for you.

	Words	**Refers to**
Example	***'he'** (line 4)*	*Tyler*
(46)	**'This'** (line 13)	
(47)	**'them'** (line 16)	

For Questions 48 – 50, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". [3m]

The first example has been done for you.

	Statement	**True**	**False**
Example	*Tyler and Kean went to the police station to return the stamp album.*	✓	
(48)	Tyler's stamp album was blue.		
(49)	Roger was the person who had stolen Mr Lee's stamp album.		
(50)	Tyler knew the stamp album belonged to Mr Lee when Kean brought it home.		

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LEVEL : PRIMARY 4
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Q20	**Q21**	**Q22**	**Q23**	**Q24**	**Q25**	**Q26**	**Q27**	**Q28**	**Q29**
F	D	A	E	has	is	visit	love	F	C
Q30	**Q31**	**Q32**	**Q33**	**Q34**	**Q35**	**Q36**	**Q37**	**Q38**	
D	before	turned	immediately	warm	of	other	seek	listen	

Q39 The workers could not fall asleep although they were very tired.

Q40 Neither Donna nor Maria likes durians.

Q41 collecting stamps

Q42 A

Q43 Tyler asked Kean to collect his stamps album from Roger because he could not go as his tuition teacher would be arriving soon.

Q44 ✓ Kean came home with a different stamp album.

Q45) 2, 1, 3

Q46) the black stamp album

Q47) Tyler and Kean

Q48) True

Q49) False

Q50) False

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SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL

SECOND SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2018

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY FOUR

Name: _____ ( ) Date: 24 October 2018

Class: Primary 4 SY / C / G / SE / P

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET A

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Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

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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. The salted egg prawn dish that the new chef made was too _____. It would have tasted better with less oil.

(1) dry
(2) spicy
(3) bland
(4) greasy

2. Every morning, Mr Mugam will _____ through the newspapers as he takes his breakfast.

(1) browse
(2) analyse
(3) observe
(4) examine

3. After the tornado, _____ from damaged trees and houses littered the town.

(1) debris
(2) leftover
(3) garbage
(4) greenery

4. "Stop beating about the _____! Tell me exactly what you spent all your money on," Mother snapped at De Wei.

(1) tree
(2) bush
(3) plant
(4) shrub

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5. Junity was so bored on her flight to Perth that she decided to observe the flight steward push the food trolley along the _____.

(1) aisle
(2) alley
(3) track
(4) corridor

6. Rizwan _____ felt his way along the dark tunnel as he did not want to fall down.

(1) gingerly
(2) recklessly
(3) carelessly
(4) inconsistently

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.

(8 marks)

7. "I won't be home till seven in the evening. Please look after _____," Mrs Chen instructed her two sons

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

8. While walking home last afternoon , Padma _____ shocked when a wild boar suddenly appeared in front of her.

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

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9. Kenneth likes playing with the sand at Sentosa beach. The sand there _____ soft and white.

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

10. "Jane _____ in the rain right now. Please pass her an umbrella," Mrs Wong instructed her daughter, Emily.

(1) walks
(2) walked
(3) is walking
(4) has walked

11. Auntie May and her family _____ to the zoo last Sunday.

(1) go
(2) went
(3) have gone
(4) were going

12. As Mr Halim _____ his welcome speech to the whole school this morning, the lights went out.

(1) gave
(2) will give
(3) has given
(4) was giving

13. _____ women over there are waiting for their yoga class to commence.

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

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14. John decided not to watch the movie as there were _____ people in the long queue at the ticket-booth.

(1) few
(2) much
(3) many
(4) some

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	Marks Obtained	Highest Possible Marks
Booklet A		14
Booklet B		36
Sub-total		50

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET B

Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 15 minutes

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Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Write your answers in this booklet.

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Section C: 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)	he	(B)	him	(C)	it
(D)	she	(E)	them	(F)	they

The pupils in Primary 6 Diligence were exhilarated. It was Mr Lim's birthday. He was their form teacher. (15) _____ had planned a surprise celebration for him. Mr Lim did not know about the surprise. When (16) _____ went into the classroom, all he saw was a birthday cake on the teacher's table. (17) _____ was lit with a candle on top. Suddenly, the whole class entered the classroom and sang a birthday song for (18) _____.

"Happy birthday, Mr Lim! We love you!" the whole class shouted. Mr Lim was touched by his pupils' effort.

Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets. (4 marks)

Elizabeth Choy was one of Singapore's war heroes. During the Japanese Occupation, she (19) [helps / helped] the British soldiers secretly. Unfortunately, she was caught by the Japanese and was (20) [imprison / imprisoned] in a small cell for almost 200 days. Despite being (21) [torture / tortured] at the hands of the Japanese, she did not (22) [reveal / revealed] any information to them. Her courage to defend Singapore 75 years ago has been remembered by many till today.

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Section D: Vocabulary Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given and fill in the blanks. (4 marks)

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

creative	crops	fruits	rich	run	successful

Is experiencing failure good or bad? To many, it is never a good thing to fail. However, many of the (23) _____ people we know today had experienced failures in their lives in the past. One such person was Walt Disney.

At the age of eighteen, Walt was fired from his job as his boss felt he was not (24) _____ enough. Later on, he opened his own company but it landed in bankruptcy three years after. He could have given up but his failures caused him to work even harder.

The same person who was fired from his job because of his lack of creativity is the same person who created the cartoon character, Mickey Mouse. Generations of people from all over the world have enjoyed the (25) _____ of his labour. Without him, we would not have Disneyland today.

Remember, when failure comes knocking on the door, do not (26) _____ from it. When life gives you lemons, make lemonade!

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Section E: Sentence Combining

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. (4 marks)

27. Jane does not like apples. The boys do not like apples too.

Neither _____

_____.

28. You must sleep early. If not, you will not be able to wake up on time for school.

_____ **unless**

_____.

29. Han Wei went to the soccer field to meet his friends. He had finished his homework.

_____ **after**

_____.

30. Serene is my classmate. Her father is a famous singer.

_____ **whose**

_____.

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Section F: Comprehension 1 (Short Response)

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 31 to 37. (10 marks)

Mr Ravi was neither rich nor poor. He lived in a small house. One chilly night, while he was having his dinner, there was a knock on the door. He walked over to the door and opened it.

There stood an old man with unkempt hair, tattered pants and a shirt with missing buttons. Mr Ravi could smell a stench instantly. The old man was carrying a basket full of fruits. He asked Mr Ravi if he wanted to buy some fruits from him. Mr Ravi passed him some coins for the fruits quickly because he wanted the old man to leave. Mr Ravi heaved a sigh of relief after closing the door.

The old man brought fruits to Mr Ravi's house every week. He was so amiable that Mr Ravi gradually looked forward to his visits and started to enjoy his friendship.

One evening, as he brought the succulent fruits to Mr Ravi, the old man said, "I had the greatest blessing yesterday! I found a basket of clothes outside my house that someone had left for me." The old man scratched his head as he wondered why the clothes looked strangely similar to Mr Ravi's outfits. He had also seen the same basket in Mr Ravi's house before.

Mr Ravi replied, "How marvellous!"

Adapted from Chicken Soup for the Kid's Soul – The Man Who Had Plenty

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

_____ The old man and Mr Ravi became friends.

_____ The old man received a basket of clothes outside his house.

_____ Mr Ravi paid for some fruits.

32. Which word has the same meaning as "old and torn"? Circle (A) or (B). (1m)

There stood an old man with unkempt (A) hair, tattered (B) pants and a shirt with missing buttons.

33. Which five-word phrase tells you that Mr Ravi was glad that the old man left in the beginning? (1m)

34. What is the likely reason Mr Ravi wanted the old man to leave quickly (lines 7 – 8)? (1m)

1) It was cold outside.

2) The old man smelled bad.

3) Mr Ravi wanted to eat his dinner. ( )

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35. List two benefits that Mr Ravi received from the old man's weekly visits to his house? (2m)

i) _____

ii) _____

36. Who could have given the old man the basket of clothes? How do you know? (2m)

_____

_____

37. Tick **two** adjectives that describe the old man in the passage: (2m)

blind	☐	friendly	☐
poor	☐	wealthy	☐
self-centred	☐		

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Section G: Comprehension 2 (Short Response)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 38 to 45. (10 marks)

Orcas, also known as killer whales, are the ocean's top predators. They hunt everything – from fish to penguins, sharks, and even other types of whales. An orca's diet differs. Some orcas eat more fishes and squid than seals and penguins but whichever ocean they are in, a typical orca may eat about 227 kilograms of food a day. Orcas have many hunting methods, and knocking their prey off ice is just one of them.

Orcas are often referred to as wolves of the sea for they live and hunt together in groups. They work together as they hunt. They gather fish into a tightly packed area so that they are easier to eat. Occasionally, a group of whales will work together to chase, bite and tire a larger animal such as a blue whale until it becomes a meal.

Orcas have about 45 teeth, each measuring about 7.6 centimetres long. Orcas do not chew their food. They can swallow small seals and sea lions whole and these prey would slide down the orcas' throats. Bigger prey are eaten in portions.

The colour pattern of orcas helps them to hunt for their prey. Their backs are black while their undersides are white. Animals looking down on an orca from above might not see it because the orca's dark back camouflages with the water below. On the other hand, its white underside camouflages with the light streaming down into the sea from the surface, making it hard to spot from below. As a result, orcas' prey tend to miss the danger heading their way. The orcas have proven they are the oceans' best hunters.

Adapted from https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/orca

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38. List two animals which make up an orca's diet.

i. _____ (1m)

ii. _____ (1m)

39. Which word in **paragraph 1** has the same meaning as "normal"? (1m)

40. How would an orca **hunt** a seal that is lying on the ice? (1m)

_____

_____

41. Why are orcas often referred to as wolves of the sea? (1m)

_____

_____

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For questions 42 – 44, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". (3m)

	Statement	True	False
Example	An orca eats about 227 kilograms of food a day.	✓	
42.	Orcas hunt for food alone.		
43.	Orcas herd fish into a compact area.		
44.	Orcas are able to swallow their prey whole, be it big or small.		

45. Why do fishes swimming below an orca find it difficult to spot it? (2m)

END OF BOOKLET B

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ANSWER KEY

YEAR : 2018

LEVEL : PRIMARY 4

SCHOOL : SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

PAPER 2 - BOOKLET A

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

PAPER 2 - BOOKLET B

Q15) F

Q16) A

Q17) C

Q18) B

Q19) helped

Q20) imprisoned

Q21) tortured

Q22) reveal

Q23) successful

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Q24) creative

Q25) fruits

Q26) run

Q27) Neither Jane nor the boys like apples.

Q28) You will not be able to wake up on time for school unless you sleep early.

Q29) Han Wei went to the soccer field to meet his friends after he finished his homework.

Q30) Serene, whose father is a famous singer, is my classmate.

Q31) 2 > 3 > 1

Q32) B

Q33) heaved a sigh of relief

Q34) 2

Q35i) fruits

Q35ii) friendship

Q36) Mr Ravi could have given the old man the basket of clothes because the clothes looked like Mr Ravi's outfits.

Q37) poor, friendly

Q38i) squid

Q38ii) fishes

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Q39) typical

Q40) An orca would knock the seal off the ice.

Q41) Orcas are often referred to as wolves of the sea for they live and hunt together in groups.

Q42) False

Q43) True

Q44) False

Q45) It has white underside that camouflages with light streaming down into the sea from the surface.

END

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

(LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATE:

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 14, shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet(OAS) provided.
6. For questions 15 to 40, write your answers in this booklet.

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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. I asked the cashier for a _____ after paying for the shirt.

   (1) bill

   (2) fee

   (3) ticket

   (4) receipt

2. My brother always makes funny faces to _____ me.

   (1) excite

   (2) inspire

   (3) puzzle

   (4) amuse

3. The _____ runner refused to give up although he was the last in the race.

   (1) sincere

   (2) patient

   (3) diligent

   (4) persistent

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4. My mother bought the _____ from the supermarket to bake a chocolate cake.

(1) food

(2) cutlery

(3) materials

(4) ingredients

5. The students were _____ when the rain stopped as they could walk home without getting wet.

(1) relieved

(2) satisfied

(3) surprised

(4) contented

6. You have been _____ to look after your belongings if you do not want to lose anything.

(1) asked

(2) invited

(3) offered

(4) advised

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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 boys got out of the swimming pool and dried _____ with a towel.

(1) myself

(2) himself

(3) ourselves

(4) themselves

8. Nora _____ delighted when she received a letter from her pen pal in Canada.

(1) is

(2) are

(3) was

(4) were

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9. "Put on your shoes. We _____ to the playground now," said Mother.

(1) go

(2) went

(3) are going

(4) have gone

10. Yesterday, Jenny _____ her homework before she went out to play.

(1) completes

(2) completed

(3) has completed

(4) was completing

11. While you _____ in your bedroom, I switched on the night light.

(1) sleeps

(2) will sleep

(3) have slept

(4) were sleeping

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12. _____ watches displayed here are for sale.

(1) This

(2) That

(3) These

(4) Those

13. The baker bakes a hundred cakes every day as he has _____ customers.

(1) few

(2) little

(3) many

(4) much

14. I need to buy an exercise book, but I do not have _____ money with me now.

(1) any

(2) little

(3) some

(4) many

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Section C (10 m)

Comprehension

Read the passage below and answer questions 15 to 23 based on the passage.

Two sea turtles were rescued two years ago and were looked after by the S.E.A. Aquarium. They have since been returned to the sea.

Louie, the green sea turtle, was one week old and weighed 20g when it was found in a drain by a member of the public. As for the hawksbill turtle, it weighed 800g when it first arrived at the aquarium. Hawke was kept illegally and irresponsibly as a pet in a small tank. He was also not given enough food.

Hawke was released into the waters of Sisters' Island. Louie was put into the sea off Pulau Semakau. Before that, plastic tags were clipped onto both turtles' flippers so that they could be identified if they were seen in the future. They were also examined by a vet and their weight and length were measured. This was to make sure that they were healthy.

Singapore is home to turtles like Louie and Hawke. These two species continually go back to the beach at East Coast Park to lay their eggs. If you spot a turtle that is laying eggs, you should speak softly and not go too close to it. To avoid scaring it, you should not use a torchlight to shine at it or take photographs.

Adapted from *The Straits Times*

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15. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

Louie was first found in _____. (1m)

☐	a drain
☐	a small tank
☐	the S.E.A. Aquarium

16. Which word tells you that Hawke was not supposed to be kept as a pet? Circle either (A) or (B). (1m)

Hawke was kept illegally (A) and irresponsibly (B) as a pet in a small tank.

17. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

The green sea turtle was released into the waters of _____. (1m)

☐	Sisters' Island
☐	Pulau Semakau
☐	S.E.A. Aquarium

18. In paragraph 3, what were attached to the turtles to ensure that they could be identified? (1m)

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19. In paragraph 3, what two things were done to Louie to make sure that he was healthy?

i. _____ (1m)

ii. _____ (1m)

For Q20 - 22, read each sentence and tick ✓ "True" or "False". Refer to paragraph 4 to help you. The first example has been done for you. (3m)

Statement		True	False
Example	Louie and Howke are sea turtles	✓	
20.	Two species of turtles keep going back to the beach to lay eggs.		
21.	You should speak softly if you are near turtles that are laying eggs.		
22.	Turtles are not afraid when you shine a torchlight at them.		

23. Which word in paragraph 4 tells you that green sea turtles and hawksbill turtles live in the waters around Singapore. (1m)

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Section D (4 x 1m)

Grammar Cloze

Read the passage carefully. There are 4 blanks, numbered 24 to 27, 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.

(A)	her	(B)	it	(C)	she
(D)	them	(E)	they	(F)	you

The school library is a great place to visit. **(24)** _____ can go there to read or study. If you need help, ask Mrs Tan, the librarian. **(25)** _____ will tell you where to find books that interest you. You must always thank **(26)** _____ for helping you. Remember to put the book back on the shelf after you have read **(27)** _____. It is important to take good care of the books.

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Section E (4 x 1m)

Grammar Cloze

Read the passage carefully. There are 4 blanks, numbered 28 to 31, in the passage below. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

Have you ever eaten chicken nuggets? Many people **(28)** [enjoy / enjoys] eating them. To make them, chicken meat is mixed with corn, sugar and salt. The mixture **(29)** [is / are] mashed and formed into oval shapes. These are then coated with breadcrumbs and deep-fried. The hot oil **(30)** [cook / cooks] the nuggets. This method of cooking **(31)** [make / makes] the food unhealthy. Hence, you should not eat too many chicken nuggets.

Adapted from 'What's in your chicken nugget?'

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Section F (4 x 2m)

Synthesis and Transformation

For each of the questions 32 to 35, 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).

32. The athletes did not follow their coach's instructions.

None of _____

_____

33. "Have you decided on what to wear to the birthday party tonight?"

Mr Lim asked his daughter.

she had

Mr Lim asked his daughter if _____

_____

34. The teacher always answers the students' questions.

The students' questions _____

_____

35. We were disappointed that the learning journey was cancelled.

Much to _____

_____

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Section G (5 x 2m)

Comprehension Open

Read the passage below and answer questions 36 to 40.

The tunnel was dark, but Marty knew his way through it. He used his sense of smell to lead himself to his favourite food which seemed to be outside the tunnel. When he reached the end of it, he stopped. He remembered his mother's warning about the danger of dashing into the open without looking. Marty did not want to be caught by a hungry bird. Slowly and silently, he crept out a little at a time. True enough, he could see some cheese under a bench. Someone must have carelessly left it there.

Just as he was about to reach the cheese, he saw a movement and a shadow moving rapidly in his direction. Alarmed, Marty ran as fast as he could towards the tunnel. He was almost there when he was suddenly lifted off the ground.

Gripping Marty tightly in its foot, the eagle flew higher and higher. Marty knew he had to do something, or he was going to be the eagle's lunch. Although its claws were wrapped tightly around him, he thought of an idea to escape. There was one claw close to his face, so he took a deep breath and bit it. The eagle let out a sharp cry, but did not let him go. Marty did it again, clenching his little mouse jaws as hard as he possibly could.

Then, Marty felt himself falling. He squeezed his eyes tightly, preparing for the worst, but, thankfully he landed softly in the bushes. Relieved that he was not hurt, Marty scurried to the nearest tunnel. What would his mother say when he got home, Marty wondered worriedly.

Adapted from 'Mouse Madness'

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

36. How did Marty find his way out of the tunnel?

_____

_____

37. Why did Marty's mother warn Marty to be careful?

_____

_____

38. Which sentence in Paragraph 2 shows that Marty was quick to react to the danger he faced?

_____

_____

39. What does the word **'it'** (line 18) refer to?

_____

_____

40. In Paragraph 4, why do you think Marty was worried?

_____

_____

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ANSWER KEY

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SUBJECT : ENGLISH
TERM : SA2

SECTION A&B

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

SECTION C

Q15) ☑ a drain

Q16) (A)

Q17) ☑ Pulau Semakau

Q18) plastic tags

Q19)i) examined by a vet

ii)measured Louie's weight and length

Q20) True

Q21) True

Q22) False

Q23) home

Section D&E

Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31
F	C	A	B	enjoy	is	cooks	makes

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Section F&G

Q32) None of the athletes followed their coach's instruction.

Q33) Mr lim asked his daughter if she had decided on what to wear to the birthday party that night.

Q34) The students' questions are always answered by the teacher.

Q35) Much to our disappointment , our learning journey was cancelled.

Q36) Marty used his sense of smell to find his way out of the tunnel.

Q37) Marty's mother did not want Marty to dash into the open without looking and get caught by a hungry bird.

Q38) Alarmed, Marty ran as fast as he could towards the tunnel.

Q39) It refers to Marty biting the eagle's claw.

Q40) Marty was worried of what his mother would say when he got home.

THE END

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