

# 2019

## Primary 4 English

1.	Ai Tong	SA2
2.	Catholic	SA2
3.	Henry Park	SA2
4.	Maha Bodhi	SA2
5.	MGS	SA2
6.	Nan Hua	SA2
7.	Nanyang	SA2
8.	Paya Lebar MGS	SA2
9.	Pei Chun	SA2
10.	Red Swastika	SA2
11.	RGPS	SA2
12.	Rosyth	SA2
13.	SCGS	SA2
14.	St Hilda	SA2
15.	Tao Nan	SA2



**AI TONG SCHOOL**  
**2019**  
**END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION**  
**PRIMARY 4**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**  
**PAPER 3 (LISTENING COMPREHENSION)**

Total Time: Approximately 30 minutes

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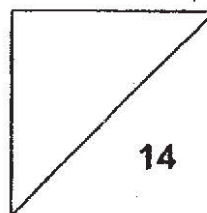
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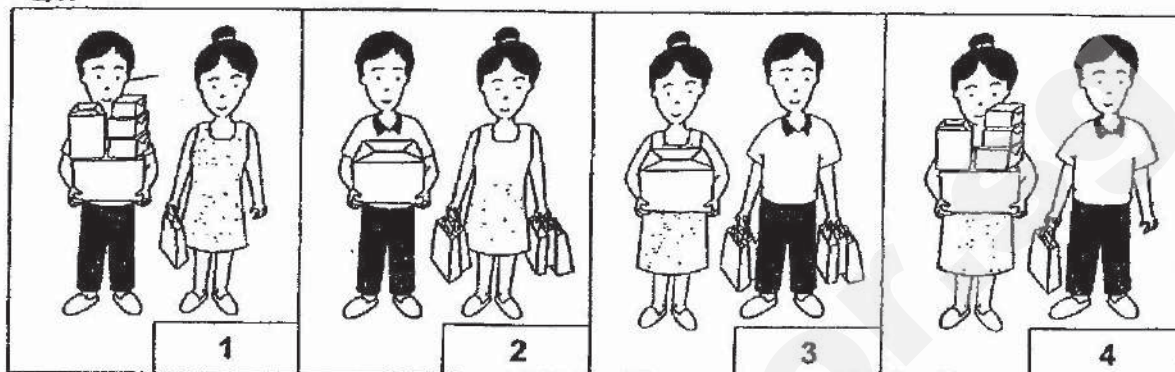




### Picture-Matching (6 x 1 mark)

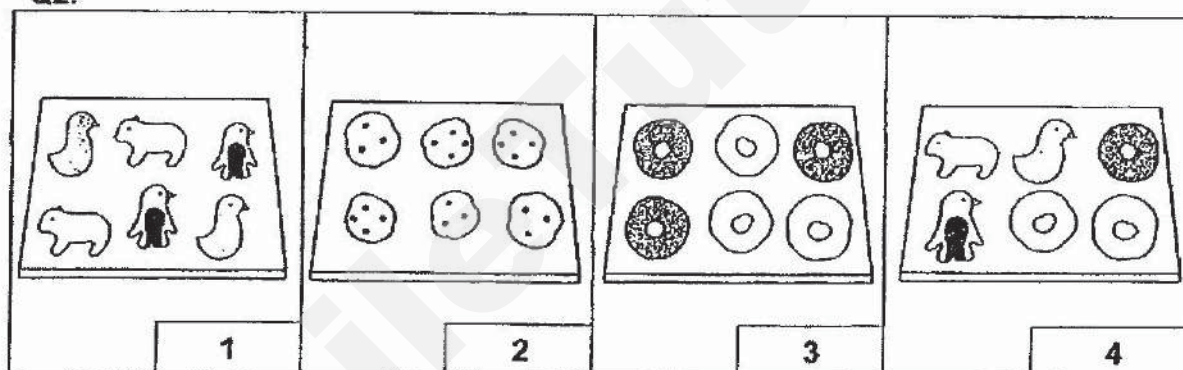
Look at the set of pictures. I am going to read a statement twice. Listen carefully. Then choose the picture that best describes what I have read. Write the number 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets provided.

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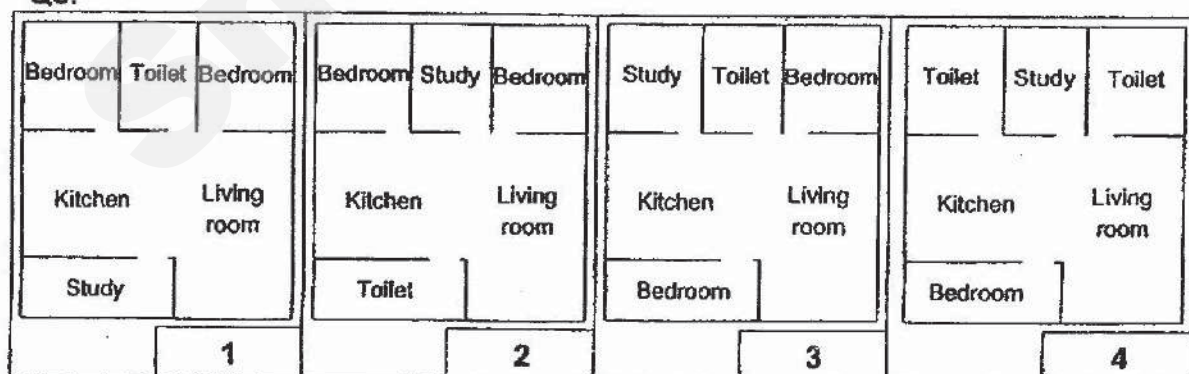
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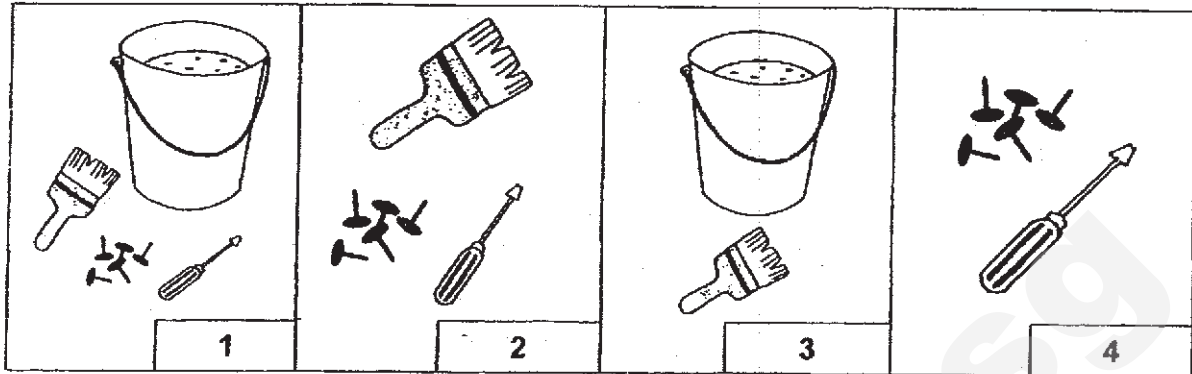
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Q3.



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Q4.



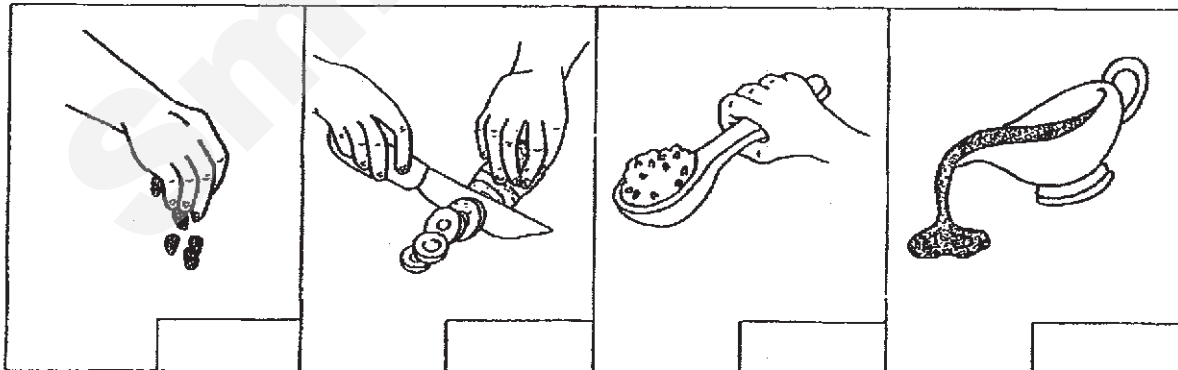
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Look at the set of pictures. I am going to read a statement twice. Listen carefully. Then arrange the pictures in the order that best describes what I have read. Write the numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the correct boxes.

Q5.



Q6.



**Note-Taking (5 x 1 mark)**

Listen carefully to the following story. I am going to read it twice. Then, fill in each blank with the correct answer.

Fill in each blank from Q7 to Q11 with A WORD OR A SHORT PHRASE.

Amanda was on her way home after school. She saw some boys from her school throwing stones at a (Q7) \_\_\_\_\_. She told them to stop and used her (Q8) \_\_\_\_\_ to shield it. A man came by and asked the boys what they were doing. When the boys did not answer him, Amanda told him what she had seen. He pointed to the boys' school badges and (Q9) \_\_\_\_\_. Then, he warned them that he would inform their school (Q10) \_\_\_\_\_ if he caught them doing such a (Q11) \_\_\_\_\_ act again.

**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. How did Crystal feel at the beginning of the story?**

- (1) puzzled
- (2) nervous
- (3) confident

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**Q13. Crystal's mother told Crystal to \_\_\_\_\_.**

- (1) try hard
- (2) calm down
- (3) be more confident

(     )

**Q14. Why did Crystal wish she could disappear into thin air?**

- (1) She could not see her mother.
- (2) She could not remember the lyrics.
- (3) She could not make herself calm down.

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**PRIMARY 4**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**  
**PAPER 1 (WRITING)**

Total Time: 50 minutes

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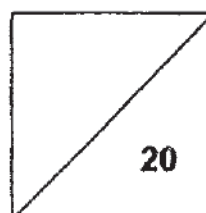
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Write a composition of at least 120 words about the day you were rescued.

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.

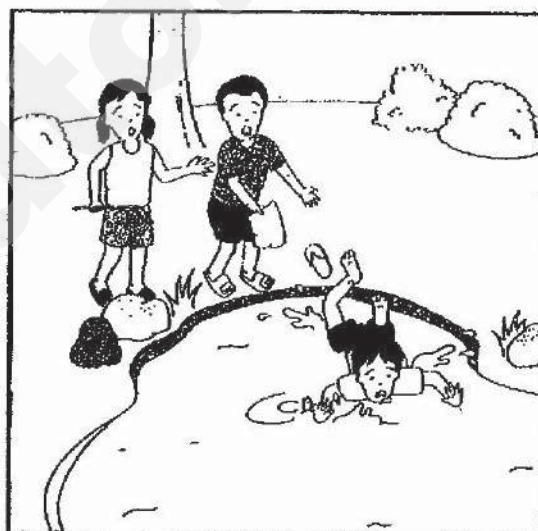
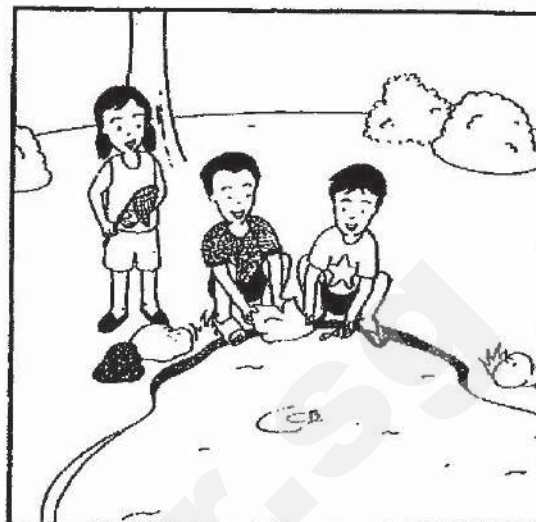
Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- When and where did the incident take place?
- What were you doing there?
- What happened next?
- How were you rescued?
- What happened in the end?

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

*Helping words:*

- *catching fish*
- *fell into the water*
- *struggling*
- *started to panic*
- *reached out*
- *get help*





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PRIMARY 4**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)**

Total Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

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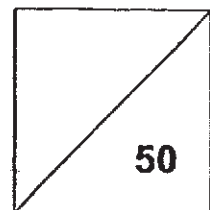
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Marks:



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



**Section A: Grammar MCQ (8 x 1 mark)**

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

1. "Children, please take good care of \_\_\_\_\_ at the camp," Mother reminded her daughters.
- (1) herself
  - (2) yourself
  - (3) ourselves
  - (4) yourselves
2. Last week, Jason \_\_\_\_\_ sick so he could not participate in the graduation concert.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
3. Jamie had a stomach ache because she \_\_\_\_\_ too many chocolates yesterday.
- (1) eat
  - (2) ate
  - (3) has eaten
  - (4) was eating
4. "Do not enter Susan's room now. She \_\_\_\_\_," Mother told Father.
- (1) slept
  - (2) sleeps
  - (3) has slept
  - (4) is sleeping

5. Eating too \_\_\_\_\_ fried food is unhealthy for you.

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

6. Mr Tan \_\_\_\_\_ when he heard a strange sound coming from the room.

- (1) was cooking
- (2) has cooked
- (3) will cook
- (4) cooks

7. \_\_\_\_\_ girl over there is sulking as she has lost her wallet.

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

8. Ravi \_\_\_\_\_ upset when he saw his injured dog lying on the road.

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

**Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (6 x 1 mark)**

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

9. My neighbour heard the loud \_\_\_\_\_ of brakes before the accident happened.
- (1) banging
  - (2) crashing
  - (3) squeaking
  - (4) screeching
10. Team Tiger \_\_\_\_\_ Team Leopard when it scored more points in the recent basketball competition.
- (1) defeated
  - (2) weakened
  - (3) exhausted
  - (4) challenged
11. My teacher accepted my \_\_\_\_\_ to hold an exhibition in the school hall.
- (1) demand
  - (2) suggestion
  - (3) nomination
  - (4) presentation
12. To attend the dance performance for free, you have to \_\_\_\_\_ your tickets early to avoid disappointment.
- (1) fix
  - (2) buy
  - (3) reserve
  - (4) arrange

13. Father was given an award for his \_\_\_\_\_ act as he had helped to put out a fire.

- (1) diligent
- (2) sincere
- (3) creative
- (4) courageous

14. Mr Sim is a \_\_\_\_\_ person. He is never stingy when it comes to buying gifts for his family and friends.

- (1) frugal
- (2) friendly
- (3) generous
- (4) thoughtful

**Section C: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)**

**Passage 1**

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

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) her	(B) me	(C) our
(D) they	(E) us	(F) we

Hi Sam,

How was your school holiday? I spent my time learning how to swim and it was a nerve-wrecking experience for (15) \_\_\_\_\_. My sister is an avid swimmer and (16) \_\_\_\_\_ lessons were on the same days as mine.

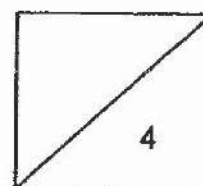
Before my first lesson, my sister suggested that (17) \_\_\_\_\_ go to the pool earlier so that she could demonstrate some basic swimming techniques. However, I did not dare to step into the water. When my coach arrived, he decided to start (18) \_\_\_\_\_ class earlier. After some time, I got used to being in the water.

My swimming skills have improved over time. Let's go swimming together one day.

Cheers,

Peter

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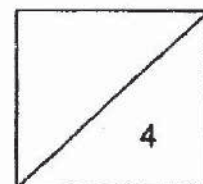


## Passage 2

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

The gecko is a small to medium-sized lizard that can be found in warm climates. A gecko has thousands of hair-like structures on its feet which (19) [ help / helps ] it to climb slippery and flat surfaces. Some species, such as the House Gecko, will (20) [ enter / enters ] houses by climbing on walls and ceilings to eat the insects inside the house. People also (21) [ keep / keeps ] geckos as pets. The lifespan of a gecko (22) [ is / are ] about thirty years. If a gecko accidentally loses its tail, it can grow a new one.

*Adapted from <https://kidskonnnect.com/animals>*



**Section D: Comprehension Cloze (8 x 1 mark)**

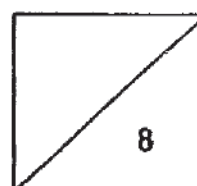
There are eight blanks numbered 23 to 30. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

It was a beautiful Sunday morning. West Coast Park was (23) \_\_\_\_\_ with cyclists, joggers and people involved in other sports activities. It was the perfect day to be outdoors.

John suggested roller blading and Alvin (24) \_\_\_\_\_ with his idea. They rented a pair of roller blades each for ten dollars per hour. Both were roller blading when they caught (25) \_\_\_\_\_ of a leather bag on a bench and wondered what was inside. Out of (26) \_\_\_\_\_, they decided to have a closer look. Realising that the bag was not zipped, they opened it and wads of dollar notes appeared (27) \_\_\_\_\_ their eyes. They were so surprised that they stood rooted to the (28) \_\_\_\_\_. A passer-by asked them what had happened. They shared what they had discovered. The passer-by (29) \_\_\_\_\_ the police on their behalf.

The police officers arrived shortly and took down the boys' statements. The boys were (30) \_\_\_\_\_ for their honesty. Both of them blushed and said shyly that it was the right thing to do.

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**Section E: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)**

Read the passage below and answer questions 31 to 38.

Meng begged his mother, Mrs Ang, to let him visit the pet shop. Not wanting to disappoint Meng on his birthday, Mrs Ang gave in. In the shop, neither the playful kittens nor the sleeping hamster attracted Meng's attention. Then, his face lit up when he saw a white rabbit.

"Mum, look at its lovely fur. May I buy it?" asked Meng, pointing at the rabbit. It seemed to have heard Meng's words as it turned to look at him. 5

"If your rabbit falls ill, you will need to look after it. Years later, it might not be active and attractive anymore. Are you prepared for these challenges?" Mrs Ang asked with a serious expression.

"I'm ready for **them**," Meng replied confidently. Convinced, Mrs Ang took out her purse. However, Meng insisted on paying for his own pet. He would save enough money and return the full cost of the rabbit to Mrs Ang. 10

Mrs Ang told Meng to accept the rabbit as a birthday present from her. Thus, Meng decided to save up for a rabbit cage instead. Just then, the shopkeeper told them that the rabbit had been limping after a fight with another rabbit. Mrs Ang and Meng were astonished as the rabbit did not seem to be aggressive. 15

"It's okay. I know how it feels to walk with a limp," Meng chirped. Upon hearing that, the shopkeeper knew the rabbit would be in good hands. He did not notice Meng limping slightly as he walked away with his rabbit happily. 20

*Written by: Ho Hsien Lin*

For questions 31 and 32, choose the correct option (1, 2, 3 or 4) and write your answer in the brackets provided.

31. Why did Meng like the rabbit as soon as he saw it? (1m)

(1) It was awake.

(2) It was looking at him.

(3) He liked its appearance.

(4) He liked its playful behaviour.

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32. Mrs Ang did not immediately agree to let Meng have the rabbit as a pet because \_\_\_\_\_. (1m)

(1) it was limping

(2) it was aggressive

(3) Meng could not afford to buy his own pet

(4) she was not sure if Meng would be a responsible owner

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33. Fill in the blank below with the correct word.

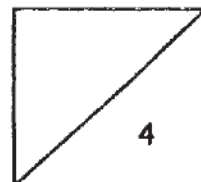
In paragraph 4, "them" refers to the \_\_\_\_\_ of keeping a pet rabbit. (1m)

34. Which word has the same meaning as "lively"? Circle either (A) or (B). (1m)

Years later, it might not be active and attractive anymore.

(A)

(B)



35. Which word from paragraph 5 tells you that the rabbit was hurt by another rabbit during a fight? (1m)

36. Based on the passage, decide whether each statement in the table below is true or false and put a tick (✓) in the correct column. (3m)

Statement	True	False
Meng was willing to look after his pet if it fell ill.		
Mrs Ang encouraged Meng to visit the pet shop.		
Meng returned the full cost of the rabbit to his mother.		

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

- \_\_\_\_\_ Meng decided to buy a rabbit cage.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs Ang believed that Meng was ready to own a pet.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ The shopkeeper told Mrs Ang and Meng a piece of surprising news.

38. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

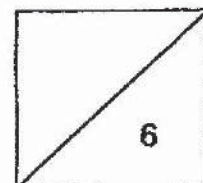
In the last paragraph, the shopkeeper learned that \_\_\_\_\_. (1m)

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Meng walked with a limp

Mrs Ang wanted to buy a gift for Meng

Meng would take good care of the rabbit



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## **Section F: Comprehension 2 (10 marks)**

Read the passage below and answer questions 39 to 44.

It was a quiet afternoon. June and her brother, Jordan, were watching television in the living room of their apartment when they heard cries for help. Curious, the siblings looked out of the window. Upon witnessing the **situation** at the swimming pool downstairs, they gasped in horror. June and Jordan knew that they had to do something fast and dashed out of their home.

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Their mother, Mrs Lim, was preparing lunch when she heard a door slam shut. When she emerged from the kitchen, the siblings were nowhere to be seen. She was sure that she had heard their voices a few minutes ago. Sensing that something was not quite right, she looked out of the window and saw June swimming towards a drowning man in the pool. Realising that her daughter was risking her life to save another, Mrs Lim was desperate to check on June at the pool. Immediately, she rushed to the scene to see if she could help the man too.

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Meanwhile, Jordan hesitated as he stood beside the pool. It did not look inviting as the water was cold after a downpour. However, he soon found himself treading water. Together with June, he pulled the heavily built man to safety.

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Shaken by what had happened, June sobbed quietly while the paramedics carried the man into the ambulance. Jordan looked pale and drained.

"I would not have been able to do this without my brother's help," June said humbly when she was interviewed by the reporters later that day. The siblings were relieved when they were informed that the man had survived the ordeal.

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39. How did the siblings feel when they saw the "situation" in line 3 and what did they do immediately? (2m)

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40. How did Mrs Lim know that something was wrong when she stepped out of the kitchen? (2m)

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41. Why did Mrs Lim leave her apartment in a hurry? (2m)

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42. What does the word "It" in line 13 refer to? (1m)

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43. Which word in paragraph 4 has a similar meaning to "tired"? (1m)

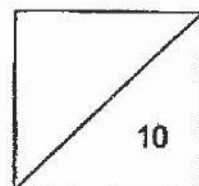
44. How did June show that she was humble when interviewed by the reporters? (2m)

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Please check your work carefully.



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4	3	2	4	3	1	2	3	4	1
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18		
2	3	4	3	B	A	F	C		

Q19)	help	Q23)	packed	Q27)	before
Q20)	enter	Q24)	agreed	Q28)	ground
Q21)	keep	Q25)	sight	Q29)	called
Q22)	is	Q26)	curiosity	Q30)	praised

Q31)	3
Q32)	4
Q33)	challenges
Q34)	A
Q35)	limping
Q36)	True False False
Q37)	2, 1, 3
Q38)	Meng would take good care of the rabbit
Q39)	The siblings felt horrified and immediately dashed out of their home
Q40)	Mrs Lim could not find the siblings. She had heard their voices a few minutes ago.
Q41)	She wanted to check on June and see how she could help the man.
Q42)	It refers to the pool
Q43)	Drained



Q44)	She said humbly that she would not have saved the drowning man without Jordan's help.
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**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION (2019)  
PRIMARY FOUR  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PAPER 2**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Class: Primary 4 \_\_\_\_\_

24 October 2019

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. Mr Tan reminded John and Mike to share the chocolates between \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) herself  
(2) himself  
(3) ourselves  
(4) themselves
2. After swimming practice just now, I \_\_\_\_\_ surprised when my friends and coach sang me a birthday song.  
(1) is  
(2) are  
(3) was  
(4) were
3. Ali and Peter \_\_\_\_\_ happy when their teacher asked for their help to carry some books to the staffroom.  
(1) is  
(2) are  
(3) was  
(4) were
4. "Listen attentively! The organiser \_\_\_\_\_ the rules of the competition now," said my teacher.  
(1) read  
(2) reads  
(3) has read  
(4) is reading
5. Last evening, Jeff \_\_\_\_\_ the kitchen after preparing dinner.  
(1) cleans  
(2) cleaned  
(3) has cleaned  
(4) was cleaning

6. While you \_\_\_\_\_, I cooked your favourite meal.

- (1) sleep
- (2) will sleep
- (3) have slept
- (4) were sleeping

7. \_\_\_\_\_ spectators seated here have the best view of the soccer match.

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

8. Mother goes to the fitness centre every weekend as she has \_\_\_\_\_ friends there.

- (1) few
- (2) little
- (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. After the flood, hundreds of people were \_\_\_\_\_ from their homes.

- (1) located
- (2) cleared
- (3) disrupted
- (4) evacuated

10. My aunt was one of the guests invited to the opening \_\_\_\_\_ of the new shop.

- (1) festival
- (2) ceremony
- (3) celebration
- (4) presentation

11. Siti could not decide on the topic of her Science project so she decided to \_\_\_\_\_ her teacher for advice.
- (1) turn to
  - (2) turn in
  - (3) turn over
  - (4) turn down
12. "You may feel \_\_\_\_\_ after taking this medication so do not drive," advised the doctor.
- (1) clumsy
  - (2) drowsy
  - (3) unusual
  - (4) awkward
13. When Mother discovered that Rani had cheated in the test, she was \_\_\_\_\_ and glared at Rani angrily.
- (1) furious
  - (2) anxious
  - (3) amused
  - (4) frightened
14. She \_\_\_\_\_ on a puddle of water and fell clumsily.
- (1) slid
  - (2) slipped
  - (3) stepped
  - (4) stomped

**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) her	(C) I
(D) it	(E) them	(F) you

The children were excited when they reached the Discovery Centre. A tour guide welcomed (15) \_\_\_\_\_ before they were taken to the theatre to watch a short film.

"First, (16) \_\_\_\_\_ will watch a local film. (17) \_\_\_\_\_ is a story about a girl and her cat. (18) \_\_\_\_\_ hope you enjoy the film," said the tour guide. The children waited eagerly for the film to start.

**Section D – Grammar Cloze (4 x 1 mark)**

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

Mrs Thomas is my favourite teacher. She (19) [ come / comes ] up with creative lessons that (20) [ is / are ] interesting. I (21) [ enjoy / enjoys ] her lessons very much. All the pupils think that Mrs Thomas is the best teacher and (22) [ like / likes ] her very much. I hope she teaches me next year as well.



**Section E – Comprehension Cloze (4 x 1 mark)**

Read the passage carefully. Fill in the blanks with the most suitable word of your own.

A young boy named Yuki lived in a village by the sea. One day, while walking along the seashore, he (23) \_\_\_\_\_ movements under his feet. Then, he noticed that the seawater had moved back for some distance.

It reminded him of a tsunami that he had learnt about in school. He rushed to the (24) \_\_\_\_\_ to warn the villagers.

"Go up the mountain now!" shouted Yuki.

Unfortunately, none of the villagers took Yuki's words seriously. They all (25) \_\_\_\_\_ his warning. Luckily, Yuki's family listened to him. They rushed up to the nearby mountain for (26) \_\_\_\_\_. They reached the mountain safely before the tsunami struck the village.

*Adapted from [www.storiestogrowby.org/story/yuuki-the-tsunami](http://www.storiestogrowby.org/story/yuuki-the-tsunami)*

**Section F – Sentence Synthesis and Transformation (2 x 2 marks)**

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

27. I will not turn on the television. I want to finish my homework.

Until \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

28. Lisa enjoyed jogging. However, she enjoyed cycling more.

\_\_\_\_\_ preferred \_\_\_\_\_  
to \_\_\_\_\_

**Section G – Comprehension – Selected Response and Open-ended (10 marks)**  
Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Adam was walking home from school when a screeching sound caught his attention. He turned around and saw the driver of a red sports car trying to stop his speeding vehicle as the traffic light had turned red. Unfortunately, the car hit a girl who was crossing the road at the traffic junction with her mother and aunt.

Adam rushed to the accident scene and saw the girl lying unconscious on the road, her head bleeding profusely. Her mother was crying uncontrollably but her aunt remained calm as she tended to the injured girl.

Within minutes, the police and ambulance arrived. By then, a crowd had gathered. The police cordoned off the area and dispersed the crowd. Then, the police officers spoke to a few witnesses.

"That driver whose vehicle had hit the girl wanted to flee the scene. Luckily, we caught him!" recounted a passer-by as a policeman took down his statement.

The girl was swiftly placed onto a stretcher and rushed immediately to the hospital. Before that, the driver was taken to the police station for further questioning.

As Adam continued walking home, he recalled attending a road safety talk in his school recently. The police officer had advised all pupils not to run across the road and to watch out for oncoming vehicles.

*Adapted from An Accident by Sarchit*

29. What grabbed Adam's attention?

\_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

30. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.  
In line 7, the word "she" refers to \_\_\_\_\_. [1m]

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | the girl          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | the girl's aunt   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | the girl's mother |

For questions 31-33, 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
<b>Example</b>	A red sports car knocked down a girl.	✓	
31.	The girl was alone when the accident happened.		
32.	The girl had a head injury.		
33.	The girl was able to talk even though she was injured.		

34. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to show the order in which the events occurred. Refer to paragraphs 3 to 5 to help you. [1m]

- \_\_\_\_\_ The police took the red sports car driver to the station for questioning.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The police officers dispersed the crowd that had gathered.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The police officer took down the statement of a witness.



35. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.  
The car driver was caught by the passers-by when \_\_\_\_\_. [1m]

<input type="checkbox"/>	he drove too fast
<input type="checkbox"/>	the injured girl was sent to the hospital.
<input type="checkbox"/>	he tried to run away from the accident scene

36. Which word tells you that the girl was taken to the hospital at once?  
Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

The girl was swiftly placed onto a stretcher and rushed immediately to the hospital.  
(A) (B)

37. List two pieces of safety advice given during the road safety talk.

- i. \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]
- ii. \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

It was a cool and breezy morning. Excitement was in the air as Olive, Jenny and Shay set off on their first fishing trip in a boat in the morning. They had planned many months for the trip.

Soon, dark clouds loomed above them as they sailed. Suddenly, a storm brewed and carried their boat further into the open sea. The air became thick with salt and mighty waves crashed against their boat continuously, causing them to be thrown overboard. Fortunately, they were wearing life jackets and managed to drift to a nearby island.

Olive suggested seeking shelter from the heavy rain. Feeling extremely exhausted, the girls staggered onto the muddy ground and looked hastily for shelter. Upon seeing a troop of monkeys swinging noisily from tree to tree, the girls quickened their steps. Jenny cautioned Olive and Shay not to make any sound.

alert the monkeys. They may attack us," whispered Jenny.

Finally, the girls found shelter in a cave. While they were resting in the cave, they heard footsteps and were alarmed. They saw a large shadow approaching. Before they could scream, a shabby-looking man appeared in front of them! He was puzzled to see them on the deserted island. The girls found out that Bob had been shipwrecked ten months ago.

Bob had been trying desperately to get off the island for months but to no avail! He could not do much as he was alone. However, he now had the girls to help him. Together, they managed to build a raft quickly and finally left the island.

*Adapted from [www.creativewriting-now.com](http://www.creativewriting-now.com)*



Write your answers in complete sentences.

38. Why were the girls excited?

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39. What caused the girls to be thrown into the sea?

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40. Which word from paragraph 3 shows that the girls moved in an unsteady manner?

41. Why did Jenny advise Olive and Shay to be quiet?

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42. How did Bob finally manage to escape from the island?

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### SECTION A & B

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

### SECTION C - E

Q15) E

Q16) F

Q17) D

Q18) C

Q19) comes

Q20) are

Q21) enjoy

Q22) like

Q23) felt

Q24) village

**Q25) ignored**

**Q26) safety**

### **SECTION F**

**Q27) Until I finish my homework, I will not turn on the television.**

**Q28) Lisa preferred cycling to jogging.**

### **SECTION G**

**Q29) a screeching sound**

**Q30) the girl's aunt**

**Q31) False**

**Q32) True**

**Q33) False**

**Q34)  $3 > 1 > 2$**

**Q35) he tried to run away from the accident scene**

**Q36) B**

**Q37) i: The pupils should not run across the road.**

**ii: The pupils should watch out for oncoming vehicles.**

## SECTION H

**Q38) They were setting off on their first fishing trip in a boat.**

**Q39) Mighty waves crashed against their boat continuously.**

**Q40) staggered**

**Q41) She did not want to alert the monkeys as they might attack them.**

**Q42) Bob, together with the girls, built a raft to escape the island.**

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**HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL  
2019 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT TWO  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PRIMARY FOUR**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ (      )

CLASS: Primary 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Duration of Paper: 1h 15min

Part I	14
Part II	36
TOTAL	50

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

**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. When Annie fell and injured herself during recess, a teacher rushed to \_\_\_\_\_ her.

- (1) assist
- (2) follow
- (3) disturb
- (4) interrupt

(      )

2. A bird had pecked a hole through the cardboard box with its sharp \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) beak
- (2) teeth
- (3) claws
- (4) horns

(      )

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3. The \_\_\_\_\_ man had wasted all his money on expensive and useless things.

- (1) thrifty
- (2) stingy
- (3) foolish
- (4) generous

( )

4. Everyone at the beach \_\_\_\_\_ away when they saw a giant wave rushing towards them.

- (1) crept
- (2) strolled
- (3) scurried
- (4) lumbered

( )

5. The boys held their breaths nervously as they watched a skateboarder perform a/an \_\_\_\_\_ stunt.

- (1) elegant
- (2) hilarious
- (3) dangerous
- (4) threatening

( )

6. There are many \_\_\_\_\_ to save the leatherback turtles organised by the conservationists.

- (1) fights
- (2) battles
- (3) campaigns
- (4) promotions

( )

**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. John and his friends went to the cinema by \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) myself  
(2) himself  
(3) ourselves  
(4) themselves ( )
8. The students \_\_\_\_\_ disappointed when they could not go for their learning journey last week.  
(1) is  
(2) are  
(3) was  
(4) were ( )
9. "Since the children \_\_\_\_\_ at the park now, they will have their lunch later," said Mother.  
(1) play  
(2) played  
(3) are playing  
(4) have played ( )
10. We \_\_\_\_\_ your brother just now when we were on the way to school.  
(1) met  
(2) meet  
(3) have met  
(4) were meeting ( )

11. My grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ at the neighbourhood park when he witnessed the accident.

- (1) jogs
- (2) will jog
- (3) has jogged
- (4) was jogging

(     )

12. "Do not take \_\_\_\_\_ rotten apples on the table over there! You will get food poisoning if you eat them," warned Charles.

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

(     )

13. There were not \_\_\_\_\_ apples to choose from, so I bought the ones which I thought were fresh.

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

(     )

14. He cannot find \_\_\_\_\_ time to go swimming these days as he is too busy.

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

(     )



## **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) he	(B) I	(C) they
(D) them	(E) us	(F) you

My grandfather and I were sitting on a bench outside his kampong house. He pointed to the ten chickens next to (15) \_\_\_\_\_. "As long as (16) \_\_\_\_\_ am able to work, I will keep these chickens," he said.

"Why do (17) \_\_\_\_\_ like chickens so much?" I asked.

He laughed and said, "I like them because (18) \_\_\_\_\_ are easy to look after. I toss them some food and each morning, I have fresh eggs to eat."

*Adapted from <https://owlcation.com>*

#### **Part 2**

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

A mother scorpion has a special place for her newborn babies. She (19) [ help / helps ] them climb onto her back. First, she (20) [ lay / lays ] her pincers flat on the ground like ramps. Then, the baby scorpions (21) [ crawl / crawls ] up her back. They usually (22) [ stay / stays ] there for about twenty days. After that, they are off on their own.

*Adapted from <https://news.nationalgeographic.com>*



**SECTION D: Comprehension Cloze (4 x 1 mark)**

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

The Amazon is the world's largest rainforest. It is home to an incredible number of different (23) \_\_\_\_\_ of plants and animals. The Amazon (24) \_\_\_\_\_ not yet been fully explored and scientists are still discovering new species there.

Rainforests, like the Amazon, (25) \_\_\_\_\_ to cool the planet and absorb carbon dioxide from the air. Trees in the Amazon change carbon dioxide to oxygen and release it (26) \_\_\_\_\_ the air. It is believed that the Amazon alone produces 20 percent of the world's oxygen supply. Unfortunately, the Amazon is threatened by human activities.

*Adapted from What's Up, Issue 163, August 2019*



**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. Ben was swimming in the pool. Ben's brother was playing tennis with his friends.

\_\_\_\_\_ while  
\_\_\_\_\_

28. More animals will lose their homes. We continue to destroy the forests.

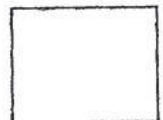
If \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

29. The blue backpack belongs to my sister. The blue backpack was found in the library.

\_\_\_\_\_ which  
\_\_\_\_\_

30. Jim did not want to go home. Sam did not want to go home.

Neither \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**SECTION F: Comprehension**

**Comprehension 1 (10 marks)**

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

Annie's biggest problem was her little sister, Jenny. Jenny always drew on her homework and snatched her toys. However, being the older sister, Annie always forgave her. Their mother comforted Annie by saying that Jenny would behave better in time to come.

One afternoon, Annie was carefully painting a portrait of herself for an Art competition in school. Jenny was busy playing with her toys, allowing Annie to work on her painting peacefully. 5

After making the final stroke, she stared at the finished portrait with a smile. She was satisfied with it. She certainly deserved a short break on the computer.

When Annie returned after her break, her jaw dropped. She was shocked to find Jenny making long and bold brush strokes on her portrait. There was also paint splattered all over the floor. 10

"Jenny!" shouted Annie. "What have you done? I will never forgive you for this!" At the sight of Jenny's wobbling lips and watery eyes, Annie felt guilty for her harsh words. 15

"I'm sorry, Annie. I promise not to touch your work again. I'll clean the mess too," Jenny apologised while sobbing.

"Okay. Just don't do this again," Annie gave in although she knew Jenny would do something similar again. She could not wait for Jenny to grow older.



31. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

Jenny was her sister's biggest problem as she would always\_\_\_\_\_. [1m]

- ☐ have to be forgiven
- ☐ snatch her sister's toys
- ☐ draw on her sister's paintings

32. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

Annie worked on her painting peacefully because Jenny was\_\_\_\_\_. [1m]

- ☐ busy playing with her toys
- ☐ helping to clean up the mess
- ☐ taking part in an Art competition

33. Which word in the sentence has the same meaning as 'trembling'?

Circle either (A) or (B).

[1m]

At the sight of Jenny's **wobbling** lips and **watery** eyes, Annie felt guilty  
(A) (B)  
for her harsh words.

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 the passage		Annie	Jenny
Example	She snatched her sister's toys.		✓
34.	She splattered paint on the floor.		
35.	She had a short break on the computer.		

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For Q36-37, tick (✓) whether the statements describe Annie or Jenny. Refer to paragraphs 5 to 7 to help you. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

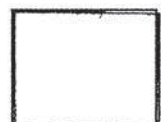
Statement		Annie	Jenny
<b>Example</b>	She was angry at her sister.	✓	
36.	She felt guilty for her words.		
37.	She was apologetic for making the mess.		

38. What does the word 'it' in Line 9 refer to? [1m]

39. At the end of the story, what two things did Jenny agree to do?

(i) \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

(ii) \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]



## Comprehension 2 (10 marks)

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

As I entered my house by the back door, I found Uncle Tan, the cook and Ah San, his helper in the kitchen. Although they hardly looked up when I walked by, I merrily greeted them with the joyous news - I was now the newly-elected president of my class. Their posture reminded me of my disgraceful behaviour at the birthday party two days ago. Uncle Tan waved me on impatiently. "Can't you see we've work to do?" he asked curtly.

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Instantly, I climbed the stairs and went into my room. I took out my exercise book where the votes were tallied, enjoying the triumph of my victory earlier that morning. Head girl of Sheng Xin Primary School! Thinking of that, the problems I faced at home slid off my heart.

10

Suddenly, there was a knock on the door and Ah San entered at once.

"A crowd of your friends is downstairs in the living room. **They** are asking for you," she whispered politely.

"Is Niang home?" I blurted out.

"I'm afraid she is. So is your father."

15

"Tell my friends I'm not home. Please do it!" I begged her desperately.

"I tried but they know you're here. Everyone has brought a gift. They mean well."

I felt panic-stricken but had no choice but to follow Ah San to the living room. As I crept down the stairs, I could hear their giggles and screams resounding through the house.

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They yelled excitedly as soon as they saw me. As a result, no one seemed to notice my tongue-tied silence. I shifted my eyes away from meeting anyone else's, afraid that my family's luxurious life was about to be exposed to my penniless classmates as Niang, my stepmother, called them.

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*Adapted from 'Chinese Cinderella' by Adeline Yen Mah*



40. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

The writer was \_\_\_\_\_.

[1m]

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | well-liked by her peers           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | proud of her family's wealth      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | re-elected as the class president |

41. What news did Ah San reveal to the writer that caused her to be panic-stricken? [1m]

- |                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Niang had found out about her joyous news.            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Her parents wanted to see her in their room.          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Her friends from school had come to congratulate her. |

42. Read each statement and tick (✓) "True" or "False".

[2m]

Statement		True	False
a.	Uncle Tan was less polite towards the writer than Ah San.		
b.	The writer's mood changed at the end of the story.		

43. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the boxes below to show what the writer did first, next and last in paragraph 1.

[1m]

<input type="text"/>	The writer saw Uncle Tan and Ah San in the kitchen.
<input type="text"/>	The writer remembered her disgraceful behaviour at the birthday party.
<input type="text"/>	The writer shared the news that she was elected as the class president.

44. Which **sentence** in the passage tells us that the writer's unhappiness of being in the house was lifted when she remembered her victory? [1m]

45. What does the word "**they**" in line <sup>12</sup>~~13~~ refer to? [1m]

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

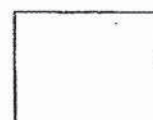
	Statement	True/False	Evidence
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(b)	The writer did not want her friends to know where her family lived.		<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 15px;"></div>

47. Give a reason why the narrator's friends did not notice her silence. [1m]

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Q6	3	Q7	4	Q8	4	Q9	3	Q10	1
Q11	4	Q12	4	Q13	3	Q14	1		

Q15 E

Q16 B

Q17 F

Q18 C

Q19 helps

Q20 lays

Q21 crawl

Q22 stay

Q23 species

Q24 has

Q25 help

Q26 into

Q27 Ben was swimming in the pool while his brother was playing tennis with his friend.

Q28 If we continue to destroy the forest, more animals will lose their home.

Q29 The blue backpack which belongs to my sister was found in the library.

Q30 Neither Jim nor Sam wanted to go home.

Q31 snatch her sister's toy.

Q32 busy playing with her toys

Q33 wobbling

Q34 Jeremy

Q35 Annie

Q36 Annie

Q37 Jenny

Q38 It refers to Annie's finished portrait.

Q39(i) She would not touch Annie's work ever again.

(ii) She would clean the mess she made.

## ANSWER KEY

YEAR : 2019  
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Q40 well-liked by her peers

Q41 Her friends from school had come to congratulate.

Q42 (a)True

(b)True

Q43 1

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Q44 Thinking of that, the problems I faced at home slid off my heart.

Q45 It refers to the writer's friends waiting at the front door.

Q46 (a)False. Ah San said that everyone had brought gifts and that they mean well.

(b)False. The writer did not want to let her friends know her family lived because she did not want to expose her luxurious life to her classmate.

Q47 The narrator's friends yelled excitedly as soon as they saw the narrator, so as a result they did not notice the narrator's silence.

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**Maha Bodhi School**  
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**English Language**  
**Listening Comprehension (Paper 3)**

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Class : Primary 4 \_\_\_\_\_

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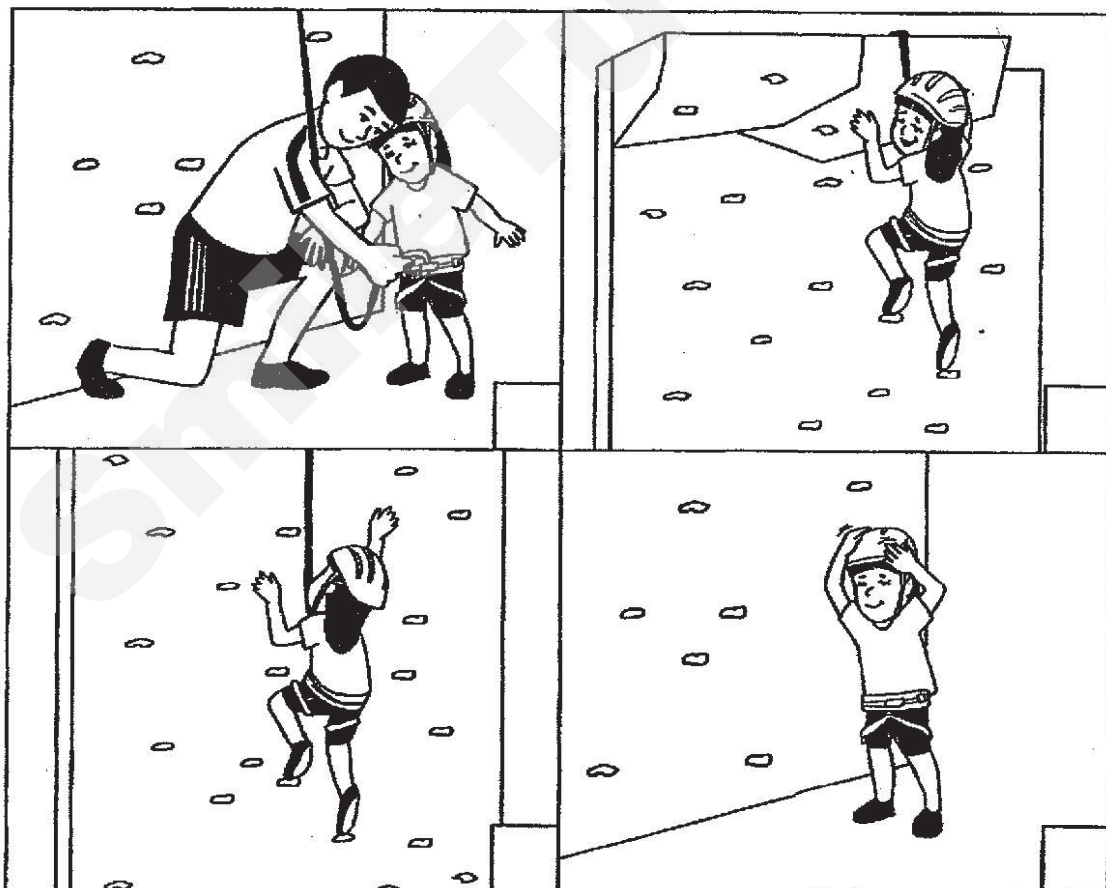


**Section A: Picture Sequencing (3 x 1 mark)**

Listen carefully to the instructions given by the teacher.

Arrange the pictures in order by writing the number 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the correct boxes.

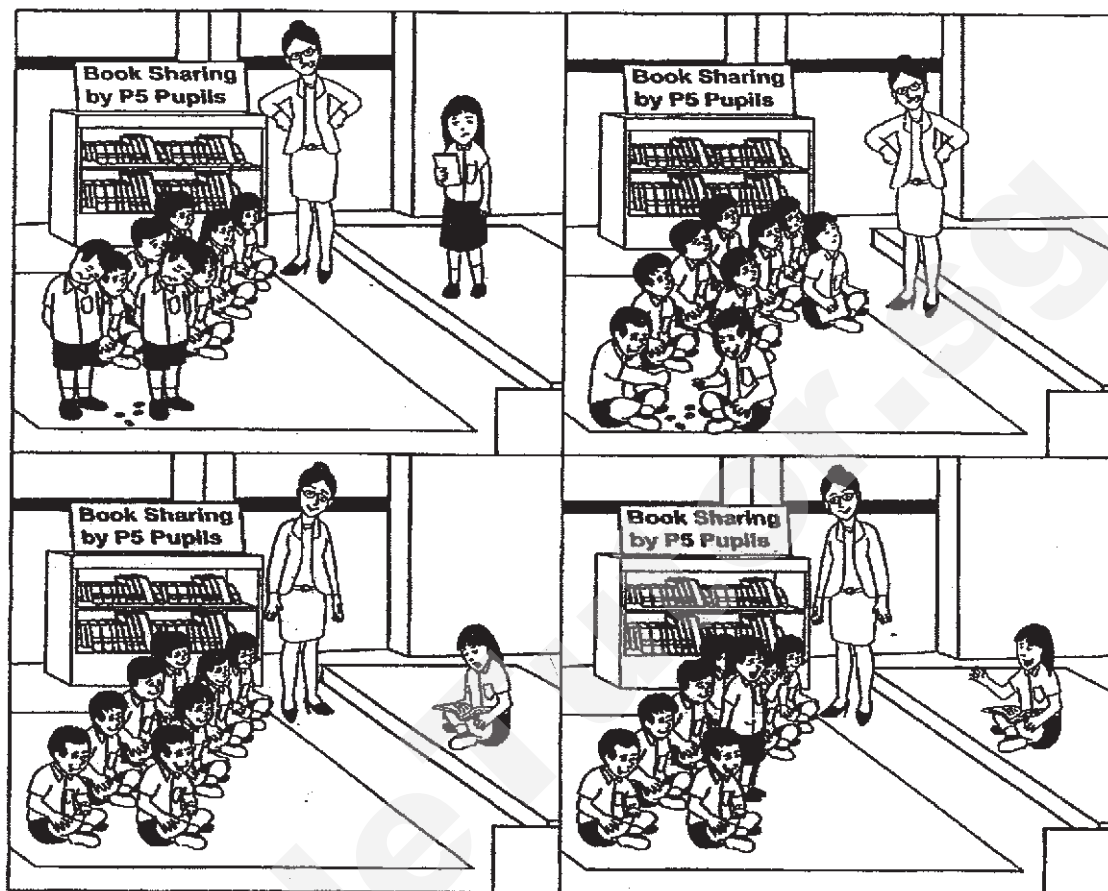
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**Section B: Note-Taking (5 x 1 mark)**

Listen carefully to the information given by Chloe's teacher, Ms Lim. Then, fill in each blank from Q4 to Q8 with a word or a short phrase.

4. Destination of learning journey: \_\_\_\_\_

5. What the guide will be sharing: \_\_\_\_\_

6. What the project is about : \_\_\_\_\_

7. Arrival time in school : \_\_\_\_\_

8. Two things to bring along : \_\_\_\_\_

**Section C: Listening Comprehension (6 x 1 mark)**

Listen carefully to the following text. For questions 9 to 14, write the correct number (1, 2 or 3) in the brackets provided.

**Text 1**

9. What did Michael want to do at the beach?

- (1) He wanted to watch the seals.
- (2) He wanted to learn about ocean tides.
- (3) He wanted to learn how to catch crabs.

(     )

10. Why did Michael and Papa wait for low tide to catch crabs?

- (1) Shallow pools would form between the rocks.
- (2) Water would rise and there would be more crabs.
- (3) The beach would become bigger and they could catch crabs there.

(     )

11. Why did Papa tie the mussel onto a string?

- (1) He wanted to feed the crabs.
- (2) He used it as bait to catch the crabs.
- (3) He wanted to have mussels for lunch.

(     )

Listen to the text as it is being read again.



**Text 2**

12. Why did Leah see a need for change in the world?

- (1) People were not kind enough to other people.
- (2) People did not make and sell bracelets to other people.
- (3) People did not pass along the bracelets to other people. (      )

13. What did Leah ask the person to do when they received one bracelet from her?

- (1) to do a kind deed for someone else
- (2) to make more bracelets on their own
- (3) to write a note attached to the bracelet (      )

14. How did Leah pass her kindness to people with the sale of her bracelets?

- (1) She bought doughnuts for them.
- (2) She set up a shelter for the homeless.
- (3) She paid rent for the hurricane victims. (      )

Listen to the text as it is being read again.

**~End of Paper~**



**Maha Bodhi School**  
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**Paper 2**  
**(Booklet A)**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ (    )

Class : Primary 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Date : 29 October 2019

Total Duration for Booklets A and B: 1 h 15 min

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions.
4. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

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For Q1-14, four options are given. Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

**Section A: Grammar MCQ (8 x 1 mark)**

1. My classmates and I took a few brooms and swept the classroom \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) myself  
(2) himself  
(3) ourselves  
(4) themselves
2. While watching television just now, Li Ping \_\_\_\_\_ surprised when the doorbell rang.  
(1) is  
(2) are  
(3) was  
(4) were
3. My neighbours \_\_\_\_\_ very happy when they found their lost kitten.  
(1) is  
(2) are  
(3) was  
(4) were
4. "Listen to the instructions carefully. The camp instructors \_\_\_\_\_ important information now," said the teacher.  
(1) give  
(2) gave  
(3) are giving  
(4) have given

5. Last week, I \_\_\_\_\_ the National Library after asking my parents for permission.

- (1) visit
- (2) visited
- (3) was visiting
- (4) have visited

6. While everyone \_\_\_\_\_ in the field, Siti was resting in the sick bay.

- (1) plays
- (2) will play
- (3) has played
- (4) was playing

7. \_\_\_\_\_ children sitting over there have the best seats in the theatre.

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

8. Ramesh decided not to buy the chicken rice as there were \_\_\_\_\_ people in the long queue.

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

**Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (6 x 1 mark)**

9. Kayley was angry and \_\_\_\_\_ into her bedroom when her mother refused to let her go to her friend's party.
- (1) crept
  - (2) waded
  - (3) strolled
  - (4) marched
10. We have to pay an entrance \_\_\_\_\_ when we visit the museum.
- (1) fee
  - (2) fare
  - (3) cost
  - (4) price
11. Please handle the glass ornaments with care as they are \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) frail
  - (2) flimsy
  - (3) fragile
  - (4) feeble
12. This ice cream comes in two \_\_\_\_\_. Would you want chocolate or strawberry?
- (1) tastes
  - (2) aromas
  - (3) flavours
  - (4) textures



13. "Don't be \_\_\_\_\_ by what that man said. You don't even know him," my parents advised me.

- (1) taken in
- (2) taken back
- (3) taken away
- (4) taken down

14. Ray did not do well in his running competition. He did not \_\_\_\_\_ but worked harder.

- (1) lose heart
- (2) smell a rat
- (3) go by the book
- (4) blow his trumpet

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### Section C: Grammar Cloze

#### Cloze 1: Personal Pronouns (4 x 1 mark)

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

USE EACH WORD ONLY ONCE.

(A) I	(B) it	(C) me
(D) us	(E) her	(F) them

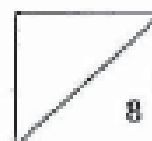
It was Mother's birthday. My sister and I baked a cake for (15) \_\_\_\_\_. We decorated it with chocolate icing together. My sister told (16) \_\_\_\_\_ to take a photograph of it. I took out my mobile phone. However, as my hands were wet, I accidentally dropped (17) \_\_\_\_\_ onto the cake!

"You ruined the cake! When Mother sees this, she'll be disappointed with (18) \_\_\_\_\_." my sister raised her voice at me.

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

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

Josh is excited. One of his teachers (19) [ has / have ] selected him to participate in a writing competition. Although he is nervous about the competition, he (20) [ decide / decides ] to take up the challenge. There (21) [ is / are ] six of his compositions displayed on the class noticeboard. His compositions (22) [ contain / contains ] a lot of interesting ideas. His classmates wish him the best and that he will win the competition.



**Section D: Sentence Manipulation – Combining (3 x 1 mark)**

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

23. The tsunami hit the island. Thousands of families lost their homes.

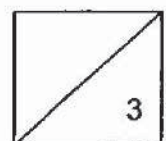
\_\_\_\_\_ when  
\_\_\_\_\_

24. My pet dog will bark loudly. My pet dog senses danger.

\_\_\_\_\_ if  
\_\_\_\_\_

25. Ruby did not win the contest. Bala did not win the contest.

Neither \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



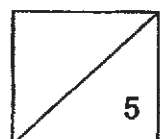


**Section E: Comprehension Cloze (5 x 1 mark)**

**Fill each blank with a suitable word.**

"What is that deer doing in the middle of the road?" Jimmy muttered under his breath. Vexed, he sounded his horn repeatedly, hoping to (26) \_\_\_\_\_ it away. However, it stood rooted to its spot, refusing to (27) \_\_\_\_\_ an inch. In order to (28) \_\_\_\_\_ hitting the animal, he immediately (29) \_\_\_\_\_ on the brakes. Unfortunately, the sudden brake caused the car to spin uncontrollably on the road. Jimmy turned pale. He tried to control the car by holding the steering wheel firmly. However, he could not stop the car from heading towards a tree. He was going to (30) \_\_\_\_\_ against the tree! Closing his eyes tightly, he braced himself for the impending impact.

Adapted from *Trapped* by Arthur Roth



**Section F: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)**

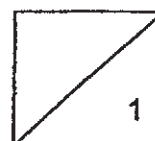
**Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

<p>Evie and her friends explored the woods and to their surprise, they discovered an old boat. It had a hole in the sail and the paint had faded. They decided to repair the boat.</p> <p>Evie brought along an old dress to patch the sail. Florence brought along a can of paint and four paintbrushes. Susan brought along a tool box while Natalie a sewing kit.</p> <p>"We'll turn the boat over before repainting it," Evie said. Natalie removed the oars from the boat and put them by the side.</p> <p>"Ready, steady, push!" cried Susan. The four friends pushed the boat hard and it tilted easily. Susan handed out a few pieces of sandpaper to her friends. "Let's rub off the old paint first," she said.</p> <p>They set to work eagerly. While removing the old paint from the boat, they talked about the fun they would have when the boat was repaired. After the old paint was removed, Florence gave out the paintbrushes. Florence and Natalie painted one side of the boat while Susan and Evie painted the other.</p> <p>When they had finally finished, they started to admire their brand new boat. They would have to leave the boat overnight for the paint to dry. "Let's patch up the sail tomorrow before we take the boat out on the river," said Florence.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10</p> <p>15</p>
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*Adapted from Florence's River Adventure by Liss Norton*

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

<p>Evie and her friends <u>explored</u> the woods and to their surprise, they <u>discovered</u> an old boat.</p> <p>(A) (B)</p>
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For Q32 – 33, decide who brought the following things to repair the boat. Refer to lines 1 to 4.

Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

The first example has been done for you.

[2m]

The things that were brought along to repair the boat		Evie	Florence
Example	four brushes		✓
Q32	an old dress		
Q33	a can of paint		

34. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

They turned the boat over to \_\_\_\_\_.

[1m]

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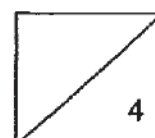
let the paint dry

patch up the sail

remove the old paint

35. What did the four friends talk about while they were removing the old paint on the boat?

\_\_\_\_\_ [1m]



For Q36 – 38, read each statement and tick ✓ 'True' or 'False'. Refer to lines 5 to 13.

The first example has been done for you.

[3m]

Statement		True	False
Example	Florence handed out the paintbrushes.	✓	
Q36	Florence removed the oars from the boat.		
Q37	Susan gave some sandpaper to her friends.		
Q38	Natalie painted one side of the boat herself.		

39. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

Right after repainting the boat, the friends \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

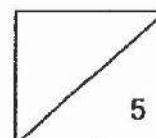
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<input type="checkbox"/>	patched up the sail
<input type="checkbox"/>	took it out on the river

40. Refer to the last paragraph. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to show what the four friends would do first, next and last. [1m]

\_\_\_\_\_ They would patch up the sail.

\_\_\_\_\_ They would take the boat out on the river.

\_\_\_\_\_ They would leave the boat overnight for the paint to dry.



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**Section G: Comprehension 2 (10 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Your answers must be based on the passage.

<p>Brother tucked his basketball under his arm and looked out the window. Rain was pattering outside. "Mother will never let me go out in this weather," he sighed. Bored, he started bouncing his basketball. His irritated sister, who was reading on the couch nearby, frowned. She ordered Brother to stop but her words fell on deaf ears. Annoyed, she stretched her hand out to swat the bouncing ball away. However, it hit Mother's favourite lamp. The lamp wobbled before it fell onto the floor with a loud crash!</p>	5
<p>The cubs stood wide-eyed at the broken lamp. Seconds later, they listened in horror as Mother's footsteps were coming closer and closer to them. All they had time to do was to hide the basketball behind the couch.</p> <p>"What happened here?" Mother appeared at the door, shrieking.</p> <p>Brother blurted out, "It was the wind." Although Sister knew it was not the truth, she nodded her head.</p> <p>Sadly, Mother heaved a sigh. She bent down and picked up the broken pieces of the lamp. Instantly, a wave of guilt swept over the cubs. Glancing at each other, they knew they needed to make things right.</p>	10
<p>"Mother, we broke the lamp. We're sorry," the cubs confessed.</p> <p>Mother looked up to the cubs and shook her head. "It's not about the broken lamp. We can always glue the pieces back together. I'm just sad that my cubs aren't truthful," she said with disappointment in her voice.</p> <p>The cubs hung their heads in shame. They knew it would not be easy to win Mother's trust again, but they vowed to gain it back, no matter what.</p>	15
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*Adapted from The Bernstein Bears and the Truth by Stan Bernstein*

41. Why would Mother not let Brother go out that day?

[1m]

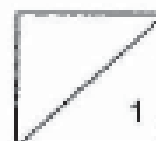
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42. In paragraph 1, which four-word phrase tells you that Brother ignored Sister's words? [1m]



43. What did Sister do when she wanted to stop Brother from bouncing the basketball?  
Give one action. [1m]

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44. State whether each sentence below is True or False. Give a reason for your answer. [3m]

Sentence	True / False	Reason
i. Sister frowned as Brother was not good at basketball.		
ii. Brother blamed Sister for breaking the lamp.		
iii. The cubs felt guilty when Mother appeared at the door.		

45. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to show what the cubs did first, next and last. [1m]

\_\_\_\_\_ They hid the basketball.

\_\_\_\_\_ They saw Mother at the door.

\_\_\_\_\_ They stared at the broken lamp.

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46. Was Mother sad about the broken lamp? How do you know? [2m]

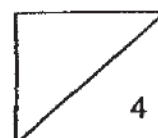
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47. In the phrase "they vowed to gain it back, no matter what" (line 21), what does 'it' refer to?  
Tick ✓ your chosen answer. [1m]

Mother's trust	
Mother's happiness	
Mother's disappointment	



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Q23)	Thousands of families lost their homes when the tsunami hit the island.
Q24)	My pet dog will bark loudly if it senses danger.
Q25)	Neither Rudy nor Bala won the contest.
Q26)	scare
Q27)	move
Q28)	avoid
Q29)	stepped
Q30)	crash
Q31)	B

Q32)	Evie
Q33)	Florence
Q34)	remove the old paint
Q35)	The four friends about the fun they would have when the boat was repaired.
Q36)	False
Q37)	True
Q38)	False
Q39)	started to admire it
Q40)	2 , 3 , 1
Q41)	Rain was pattering outside the house
Q42)	fell on deaf ears.
Q43)	Sister stretched her hand out
Q44)	i)False / Sister was irritated by him bouncing the basketball. ii)False / Brother was the one who broke the lamp. iii)False / The brother bent down and picked up the broken lamp.
Q45)	2 , 3 , 1
Q46)	No, she was sad about the broken lamp. She was sad about
Q47)	

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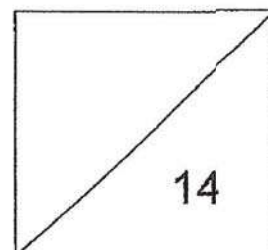
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**Section A: Grammar (8 marks)**

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 Tom could not believe that his sister organised the party by\_\_\_\_\_.

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

2 During the test just now, Jennifer, together with her classmates, \_\_\_\_\_ surprised when the fire alarm suddenly rang.

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

3 "Stop talking and pay attention! The student leaders \_\_\_\_\_ some important announcements at the moment," reminded the teacher during morning assembly.

- (1) make
- (2) made
- (3) are making
- (4) have made

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- 4 Yati and Susan \_\_\_\_\_ embarrassed when they were caught cheating in the test.

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

- 5 Last month, Yusuf \_\_\_\_\_ his football practices after breaking his leg in a match.

- (1) stops
- (2) stopped
- (3) have stopped
- (4) was stopping

- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ toys over at that corner of the room belong to me while the ones here belong to my brother.

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

- 7 We had \_\_\_\_\_ money left towards the end of the trip, so we could only buy a small souvenir for Mother.

- (1) no
- (2) much
- (3) a few
- (4) a little

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- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ of the campers had to wear a helmet before she could attempt the rock climbing wall.

- (1) All
- (2) Each
- (3) None
- (4) Some

**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 banquet hall in the new hotel is so \_\_\_\_\_ that it can accommodate as many as a thousand guests in an event.

- (1) broad
- (2) ample
- (3) spacious
- (4) extensive

- 10 On Hari Raya, Ahmad's mother told him to \_\_\_\_\_ with the guests who were visiting them.

- (1) jostle
- (2) mingle
- (3) interfere
- (4) circulate

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- 11 The \_\_\_\_\_ from the different schools did their warm-up exercises before starting the 100-metre race.
- (1) candidates
  - (2) challengers
  - (3) contestants
  - (4) competitors
- 12 "Please promise me that you will not \_\_\_\_\_ this secret to anyone," Aaron pleaded with Krish.
- (1) admit
  - (2) report
  - (3) confess
  - (4) disclose
- 13 The police have arrested the mastermind of the burglary. Now, they are searching for his \_\_\_\_\_ who had played a part in the crime.
- (1) victims
  - (2) criminals
  - (3) witnesses
  - (4) accomplices
- 14 Mr Li paced the hospital corridor \_\_\_\_\_ waiting for news about his mother who was critically ill.
- (1) carefully
  - (2) anxiously
  - (3) thoughtfully
  - (4) energetically

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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) I	(B) me	(C) my
(D) them	(E) they	(F) we

One day, I was waiting for my eye appointment at a clinic with my mother. The clinic was crowded that morning and \_\_\_\_\_ were  
(15)

prepared for a long wait. To help pass the time, I read a magazine I had brought with \_\_\_\_\_. Then, I noticed that at a certain wall down  
(16)

the hall, people stopped to look at it, and \_\_\_\_\_ even touched it  
(17)

with their fingers. Unable to contain \_\_\_\_\_ curiosity, I walked down  
(18)

the corridor to investigate. There on the wall was the sign that read "DRY PAINT".

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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.

Jean and Linda visit their grandparents every school holiday. Their grandparents (19) [ live / lives ] in Malacca. Both of them love to visit their grandparents as there are many activities they can (20) [ do / does ] there. One of their favourite activities (21) [ is / are ] going to a goat farm to feed the goats every morning. They (22) [ feel / feels ] sad when it is time to leave. The children will then look forward to visiting their grandparents again.

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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 "Don't leave the classroom without my permission," Mr Siva told his pupils.

Mr Siva told his pupils \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 24 The firemen extinguished the blazing fire.

The blazing fire \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**Section G: Comprehension Cloze (6 marks)**

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

There are many earthworms in the soil although we cannot see them. Some earthworms are tiny and a microscope is needed to see them \_\_\_\_\_.  
(25)

Earthworms make tunnels by munching through the soil, swallowing tiny bits \_\_\_\_\_ decomposed food like vegetables. As they tunnel in the soil,  
(26)  
earthworms bring the bottom soil to the \_\_\_\_\_. As the earthworms  
(27)  
move, they secrete slime. It contains nitrogen \_\_\_\_\_ is necessary for  
(28)  
plant growth. Their droppings make the soil fertile, allowing young seedlings to  
\_\_\_\_\_ in the ground.  
(29)

Hence, earthworms play an important \_\_\_\_\_ in the growth of  
(30)  
plants and trees. Unfortunately, most worms do not live past one year for they are  
constantly threatened by other predators.

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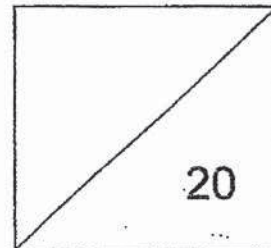
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**Section H: Comprehension (Selected Response) (10 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Matt had been complaining about his dinner at least twice a week for the past month.

"You know what, Matt? Mum and I are going to let you plan and cook dinner tomorrow," Father said.

"I accept the challenge!" Matt answered eagerly.

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The next day, Matt and Father sat down to plan for dinner. During the planning, almost every dish Matt picked to cook, Father would tell him that someone in the family would not like it. Feeling exasperated, Matt was doubtful if he could accomplish the task.

After finally deciding on the dishes, Matt looked up the recipes for teriyaki chicken, baked broccoli with cheese and steamed corn. Next, he headed to the supermarket to buy all the ingredients. When he reached home, Father helped him cut the meat and vegetables and prepared the table. It took Matt an hour to get dinner ready.

10

When dinner was served, Sophia, his sister, complained, "I don't like corn." "The chicken is too salty," his brother, Ben, remarked.

15

Matt felt like crying when he heard their complaints because he had worked hard to prepare the dishes.

"It's challenging to cook for the family and I want to apologise for complaining all the time," Matt told his parents. From the experience, Matt realised that he should appreciate his parents' effort in preparing dinner and he would never criticise them again.

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For Q31-32, tick ✓ whether the statements describe Matt or Father. An example has been done for you. [2m]

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	Statement	Matt	Father
Example	He apologised for complaining about his meal during dinner time.	✓	
31	He lay the table for dinner.		
32	He bought the ingredients from the supermarket.		

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

Feeling exasperated, Matt was doubtful if he could accomplish the task.

(A)

(B)

- 34 Which word from lines 5–7 shows that Matt was excited to cook dinner for his family? [1m]

- 35 What does "it" in line 8 refer to? [1m]

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For Q36-37, read each statement and tick (✓) either "True" or "False". An example has been done for you. [2m]

	Statement	True	False
<b>Example</b>	Matt took on the challenge to cook dinner for his family.	✓	
<b>36</b>	Matt cooked the first few dishes he had in mind.		
<b>37</b>	Matt's siblings were pleased with all the dishes he had cooked.		

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- 38** Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to show the order in which the events took place in the story. [1m]

\_\_\_\_\_ Matt went to buy the ingredients for the dinner.

\_\_\_\_\_ Father cut all the meat and vegetables for cooking.

\_\_\_\_\_ Matt looked up the recipes for teriyaki chicken, baked broccoli and steamed corn.

For Q39-40, choose the correct answer and write down (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the bracket.

- 39** Why do you think Father asked Matt to plan and cook a meal for the family? [1m]

- (1) to help Matt understand what it would be like to cook a meal for the family.
- (2) to allow Matt to cook his favourite dishes.
- (3) to teach Matt to be more independent.
- (4) to let Matt improve his cooking skill.

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- 40 Based on the passage, what did Matt learn about cooking a meal for his family?

[1m]

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- (1) It was difficult to please everyone.
- (2) It takes a long time to prepare a meal.
- (3) It was more rewarding than he expected.
- (4) He had to buy ingredients based on everyone's liking.

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

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 41 to 46.

The party began shortly after nine. Mr Gopal, who lived in the flat below, sighed to himself as he heard the steady tramp of feet on the stairs, excited voices as the guests greeted one another, and the noise of music turned up. Fortunately, Mr Gopal had brought some work home from the office, which he occupied himself with for a couple of hours, thus managing to ignore the noise 5 from the party. By eleven o'clock, he was ready to go to bed. However, he knew from previous parties that he would not be able to do so.

Hence, Mr Gopal changed into his pyjamas and lay on the bed. He tried to read but he found himself reading the same page over and over again. He then switched off the light and buried his head in the pillow, in a desperate effort 10 to go to sleep. Even so, he could not shut out the noise. Finally, after what seemed like hours, he looked at his alarm clock: it was just after midnight.

By then, he grew impatient. He leapt out of bed and, in his pyjamas, marched up the stairs to his neighbour's flat. He rang the bell several times, but the door remained closed in his face. **This** did not improve his temper. Just then, 15 one of the guests opened the door to exit the party, leaving the door open. Mr Gopal went in. In spite of his odd dressing, no one took any notice of him. Then, he caught sight of the owner of the flat and managed to attract his attention. The man, whose name was Ted, hurried towards Gopal, smiling cheerfully. Before Mr Gopal could complain, Ted said, "Hello, neighbour. Come in and join us. I 20 know our parties must bother you. I meant to send you an invitation."

Mr Gopal's anger vanished at once. "I'd better go and get properly dressed," he said.

As Mr Gopal left the room, Ted turned to one of the guests and said, "As soon as I set eyes on him, I knew he'd come to make trouble. That's why I asked 25 him to join us. Did you see how pleased he was? He went off at once to get changed. It's a pity the party is almost over!"

Adapted from "The Party" by Donn Byrne

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For Q41-42 write your answers in complete sentences.

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- 41 Based on the first paragraph, how do we know Mr Gopal was irritated by the party in his neighbour's house? [1m]

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- 42 What did Mr Gopal try to do to get to sleep? [2m]

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- 43 Which two-word phrase from lines 13-15 tells us that Mr Gopal was determined to put an end to the noise? [1m]

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For questions Q44-46, write your answers in complete sentences.

- 44 What does "this" in line 15 refer to? [1m]

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- 45 Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table is True or False. Give one reason why you think so. [3m]

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	Sentence	True / False	Reason
(i)	Mr Gopal tried to get to sleep as soon as he came home from the office.		
(ii)	It was the first time that there had been a noisy party in the flat above.		
(iii)	Mr Gopal's dressing was not suitable for the party.		

- 46 Do you think Ted was sincere about inviting Mr Gopal to his party? Explain clearly why you think so. [2m]

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## ANSWER KEY

**YEAR : 2019**  
**LEVEL : PRIMARY 4**  
**SCHOOL : METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL**  
**SUBJECT : ENGLISH**  
**TERM : END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATIONS**

### BOOKLET A

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

### BOOKLET B

Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18
F	B	E	C

Q19. live

Q20. do

Q21. is

Q22. feel

Q23. Mr Siva told his pupils not to leave the classroom without his permission.

Q24. The blazing fire was extinguished by the firemen.

Q25. clearly

Q26. of

Q27. top

Q28. that

Q29. grow

Q30. part

### BOOKLET C

Q31. Father

Q32. Matt

Q33. A

Q34. eagerly

Q35. A dish

Q36. False

Q37. False

Q38. 2, 3, 1

Q39. 1

Q40. 1

Q41. We know that Mr Gopal was irritated by his neighbour's house as he sighed deeply to himself.

Q42. He tried to read a book and bury his head in the pillow to shut out the noise.

Q43. marched up

Q44. It refers to Mr Gopal ringing the bell several times but no one answered.

Q45.

(i)	False	Mr Gopal occupied himself as soon as he got home by doing some work from the office.
(ii)	True	Mr Gopal knew from the previous parties that he would not be able to go to sleep.
(iii)	True	Mr Gopal's dressing was not suitable for the party as he was in his pyjamas.

Q46. No, he was not. He did not want any trouble and so he invited him to please him.

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NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL  
2019 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2  
PRIMARY 4

ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PAPER 2

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Class : Primary 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Date : 24 October 2019

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.



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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. As we had lost our map, we were the last group to arrive at our \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) trek  
(2) journey  
(3) excursion  
(4) destination ( )
2. Being easily \_\_\_\_\_ is a positive value. We should never be too greedy or we will never be happy.  
(1) contented  
(2) controlled  
(3) convinced  
(4) concerned ( )
3. Mr Lim had to \_\_\_\_\_ his trip to a later date as his children were sick.  
(1) cancel  
(2) interrupt  
(3) withdraw  
(4) postpone ( )
4. The students \_\_\_\_\_ at the hilarious sight of the clown dropping his rubber nose onto the floor.  
(1) sniffled  
(2) sneered  
(3) groaned  
(4) chuckled ( )
5. There used to be an \_\_\_\_\_ supply of fish from the sea. Due to pollution and overfishing, many species today are critically endangered.  
(1) affluent  
(2) excellent  
(3) abundant  
(4) extravagant ( )
6. During the construction of the car park, the residents had to \_\_\_\_\_ the noise and dust that was created.  
(1) put off  
(2) put away  
(3) put down  
(4) put up with ( )

**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 brother and his friends prepared dinner \_\_\_\_\_ during the camp.  
(1) myself  
(2) himself  
(3) ourselves  
(4) themselves ( )
8. During recess yesterday, my classmates and I \_\_\_\_\_ delighted when our teacher gave us an ice-cream treat.  
(1) is  
(2) are  
(3) was  
(4) were ( )
9. The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ surprised when the children presented a song to her.  
(1) is  
(2) are  
(3) was  
(4) were ( )
10. "Do not bother your sister. She \_\_\_\_\_ for her exams right now," Mother reminded me.  
(1) revise  
(2) revises  
(3) is revising  
(4) was revising ( )
11. Last month, the students from our class \_\_\_\_\_ an award for good behaviour.  
(1) receive  
(2) receives  
(3) received  
(4) were receiving ( )
12. As I \_\_\_\_\_ to the canteen, I found a wallet on the ground.  
(1) walk  
(2) walks  
(3) was walking  
(4) were walking ( )

13. \_\_\_\_\_ children here will sit in the front row.

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

(     )

14. The show was cancelled as too \_\_\_\_\_ people wanted to pay for the expensive tickets.

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

(     )

**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) her	(B) I	(C) me
(D) my	(E) she	(F) them

This morning, I saw an old lady crossing the road. The light changed before  
(15) \_\_\_\_\_ could reach the other side. A car came speeding towards

(16) \_\_\_\_\_

When I saw what was about to happen, (17) \_\_\_\_\_ heart leapt.  
(18) \_\_\_\_\_ called out to warn the old lady but she could not hear me. Fortunately,  
the car came screeching to a halt less than a metre from her. Phew!

**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.

The Philippines will host the 2019 South East Asian (SEA) Games. 500 million viewers (19) [ is / are ] expected to watch the games on television. The event (20) [ help / helps ] to raise interest in sports. Pami is the mascot for the Games, and its name (21) [ come / comes ] from the Tagalog word "pamilya", which means family. The organisers (22) [ hope / hopes ] that everyone in the region will unite as one family. Stay tuned!

Adapted from: [2019seagames.com/about.html](http://2019seagames.com/about.html)



**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.

One morning, Chef Louis received an invitation to cook for the guests at the

(23)

prince's wedding. However, that night, he sit quietly in the dark corner of his kitchen.

(24)

That made everyone in the restaurant worried, especially his asistent, Anthony. Chef

(25)

Louis leaned aside the wall and sighed deeply.

Anthony thought it was an honour to cook for the prince and asked Chef Louis

(26)

(27)

to. an explaining. Chef Louis said he could not cook well in a new envir mant and did

(28)

not want to embarrass the prince. He was becoming disperate and even thought of

running away. Hearing that, Anthony fell silent, thinking of the best solution to the

problem.

Source: Original



**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. The projector is not working. The computers are also not working.

Neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

30. We should start exercising. Exercising is good for our health.

\_\_\_\_\_ since

\_\_\_\_\_

## **SECTION G: COMPREHENSION 1** (10 marks)

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

The mantis shrimp (*See image below*) is one of the most fascinating and complex creatures in the animal kingdom. Just like crabs and lobsters, this animal is also known as a crustacean. It has some of the most colourful shells. As a result, it is very popular with hobbyists who keep them in aquariums.

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Though the mantis shrimp is beautiful, it is also one of the deadliest animals in the sea. Unlike their lobster or crab cousins, mantis shrimps do not have claws that grab. Some mantis shrimps have spear-like claws, which they use to stab their prey like fish or sea worms. Others have club-like claws, which they use to smash hard-shelled prey like shellfish.

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Besides its powerful claws, the mantis shrimp also has the most complex eyes in the animal kingdom. These eyes allow it to see and process what most humans or other animals cannot see. As such, it can detect its predators and avoid them easily. Scientists believe that the mantis shrimp's eyes can detect cancer cells in human. They have even created medical equipment based on how its eyes are designed.

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*Adapted from [factanimal.com/mantis-shrimp/](http://factanimal.com/mantis-shrimp/)*



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

Circle either (A) or (B).

The mantis shrimp is one of the most fascinating and complex creatures in the animal kingdom.

(A)

(B)

32. Hobbyists keep mantis shrimps in their aquariums because of their \_\_\_\_\_. (1m)

- (1) vibrant colours
- (2) complex eyes
- (3) powerful claws

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33. According to the passage, list down the two types of claws the mantis shrimp has.

1)

(1m)

2)

(1m)

34. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

According to the text, which one of these is a crustacean? (1m)

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lobster

sea worm

shellfish

35. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

According to the text, though the mantis shrimp is beautiful, it is also \_\_\_\_\_. (1m)

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<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

poisonous

dangerous

contagious



For Qn 36-38, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". The first example has been done for you. (3m)

	Statement	True	False
Example	Mantis shrimp is an animal.	✓	
Qn 36	The mantis shrimp has claws that can stab.		
Qn 37	The mantis shrimp has eyes that are different from humans.		
Qn 38	Scientists used their understanding of the mantis shrimp to create technology to help humans.		

39. Which body part of the mantis shrimp allows it to avoid its predators? (1m)

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## **SECTION H: COMPREHENSION 2** (10 marks)

*Read the following passage carefully and answer questions 40 to 46.*

In ancient China, there lived an artist named Zhong. From his childhood, the boy would draw in the sand beautiful and accurate drawings of scenes from daily life. However, his parents who were rice farmers, were too poor to send him to school.

When Zhong grew older, he worked with his parents in the same rice field. One morning, after Zhong had delivered a sack of rice to the rice merchant, the workers dropped the sack carelessly and rice spilled all over the floor of the shop. Afraid that they would be punished severely by the merchant for dirtying the rice, they quickly ran to get brooms to sweep up the rice. While waiting for the payment for his rice, Zhong picked up a stick and started drawing on the spilled rice. 5

When the workers returned, they saw him drawing on the spilled rice and were horrified. They started shouting at him and tried to hit him with their brooms. Their raised voices drew the attention of many onlookers. However, their gaze was soon drawn from the fight to the remarkable artwork on the floor. 10

Among the onlookers was the merchant himself, and he quickly ended the fight. He then pulled Zhong aside and asked, "Did you draw this?" Zhong nodded and humbly asked for his payment. The merchant gave Zhong a bag of coins which contained twice the cost of the rice. Zhong was shocked and said, "This is too much for the rice!" 15

The merchant replied, "It is. The rest of the money is for the beautiful art you have created." Zhong smiled, and from that day on, he became so famous that he was asked to create many rice art pieces for emperors all over the world. 20

*Source: Original*



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

40. Why was Zhong unable to attend school? (1m)

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41. When Zhong was older, what did he work as? (1m)

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42. Which two-word phrase from lines 4-9 tells you that the workers would be dealt with harshly? (1m)

43. Why were the workers horrified when they saw the drawing on the floor? (2m)

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

\_\_\_\_\_ The merchant gave Zhong a bag of coins.

\_\_\_\_\_ Zhong drew on the rice.

\_\_\_\_\_ The workers hit Zhong.

45. Based on the passage, state whether each statement is true or false. Then give your reason why you think so. (2x1m)

Statement	True/False	Reason
(a) Zhong waited in the shop as he wanted to draw on the rice.		
(b) Zhong became a famous artist after he created many rice art pieces for emperors.		

46. Why did the merchant pay Zhong twice the cost for the rice? (2m)

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# ANSWER KEY

**YEAR : 2019**  
**LEVEL : PRIMARY 4**  
**SCHOOL : NAN HUA PRIMARY**  
**SUBJECT : ENGLISH**  
**TERM : SA 2**  
**PAPER : TWO**

## SECTION A & B

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

## SECTION C – E

Q15) E

Q16) A

Q17) D

Q18) B

Q19) are

Q20) helps

Q21) comes

Q22) hope

Q23) sat

Q24) assistant

**Q25) on**

**Q26) explanation**

**Q27) environment**

**Q28) desperate**

### **SECTION F**

**Q29) Neither the projector nor the computers are working.**

**Q30) We should start exercising since it is good for our health.**

### **SECTION G & H**

**Q31) A**

**Q32) 1**

**Q33) spear-like claws, club-like claws**

**Q34) lobster**

**Q35) dangerous**

**Q36) True**

**Q37) True**

**Q38) True**

**Q39) The eyes of a mantis shrimp**

**Q40) Zhong was unable to attend school as his parents who were rice farmers, were too poor to send him to school.**

**Q41) When Zhong was older, he worked as a rice farmer.**

**Q42) punished severely**

**Q43) The workers were horrified when they saw the drawing on the floor as they were afraid that they would be punished severely by the merchant for dirtying the rice and Zhong dirtied it even more.**

**Q44)  $3 > 1 > 2$**

**Q45)**

<b>Zhong waited in the shop as he wanted to draw on the rice</b>	<b>False</b>	<b>While Zhong was waiting for the payment for his rice, Zhong picked up a stick and started drawing on the spilled rice.</b>
<b>Zhong became a famous artist after he created many rice art pieces for emperors.</b>	<b>False</b>	<b>After Zhong became famous, he was asked to create many art pieces for emperors.</b>

**Q46) The merchant paid Zhong twice the cost of the rice as Zhong created a beautiful art with the rice.**

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**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL  
SECOND SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2019**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PRIMARY 4**

**BOOKLET B: LANGUAGE USE & COMPREHENSION**

**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
Oral	/16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>/100</b>

Any query on marks awarded should be raised by 1 November 2019. We seek your understanding in this matter as any delay in the confirmation of marks will lead to delays in the generation of results.

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**PART 1**

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

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

1. "Please be quiet. The children \_\_\_\_\_ their examination right now," the teacher said.
- (1) take
  - (2) took
  - (3) are taking
  - (4) have taken
2. " \_\_\_\_\_ children playing at the playground over there are my cousins," said Aminah.
- (1) This
  - (2) That
  - (3) These
  - (4) Those
3. Last week, I \_\_\_\_\_ my neighbour to paint his house after finishing my homework.
- (1) help
  - (2) helped
  - (3) have helped
  - (4) was helping
4. The children were disappointed as there were not \_\_\_\_\_ pineapple slices on their pizza.
- (1) few
  - (2) little
  - (3) many
  - (4) much
5. The twins have to clean up after \_\_\_\_\_ as they are old enough now.
- (1) herself
  - (2) yourself
  - (3) ourselves
  - (4) themselves

6. Rani \_\_\_\_\_ the first in class to complete her project two days ago.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
7. Mr Lim cannot buy the car because he has too \_\_\_\_\_ money.
- (1) few
  - (2) little
  - (3) many
  - (4) much
8. As Ben and his friends \_\_\_\_\_ for a game of football, it started pouring.
- (1) head
  - (2) will head
  - (3) have headed
  - (4) were heading

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

For each question from 9 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).

9. We enjoyed the \_\_\_\_\_ by the Drama Club during the school concert.
- (1) display
  - (2) rehearsal
  - (3) exhibition
  - (4) performance
10. Although the Mathematics paper was \_\_\_\_\_, Leela was able to do very well for it.
- (1) disturbing
  - (2) calculating
  - (3) challenging
  - (4) discouraging

11. After the flood, the \_\_\_\_\_ who lost their homes had to move to makeshift tents.
- (1) victims
  - (2) sufferers
  - (3) observers
  - (4) witnesses
12. You should \_\_\_\_\_ the pear under the tap before eating it.
- (1) rinse
  - (2) scrub
  - (3) bathe
  - (4) brush
13. Everyone agrees that Suling is \_\_\_\_\_ of the Most Courteous Pupil award because she is respectful to everyone in school.
- (1) proud
  - (2) expected
  - (3) deserving
  - (4) appreciative
14. Anna is happy as she has passed her examinations with \_\_\_\_\_ colours.
- (1) flying
  - (2) bright
  - (3) striking
  - (4) wonderful



## 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) her	B) it	C) them
D) they	E) us	F) we

#### Passage 1

John and Mary were having dinner. While (15) \_\_\_\_\_ were eating, John and Mary discussed how to celebrate their mother's birthday. Suddenly an idea struck John. "Shall we make (16) \_\_\_\_\_ a card?" Mary thought it was a good idea. After dinner, they took a piece of paper and drew a picture of their mother receiving a bouquet of flowers from (17) \_\_\_\_\_. Their father saw the card and thought (18) \_\_\_\_\_ was very well-drawn. John and Mary were very pleased.

#### Passage 2

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

Singapore is a modern city state in South East Asia. There (19) [ is / are ] many people living on the island. It used to be a fishing village but it (20) [ has / have ] transformed into a clean, green and prosperous city. Most Singaporeans (21) [ speak / speaks ] more than one language. They also (22) [ celebrate / celebrates ] many festivals there. It is an exciting place to visit.

Score :

**SECTION D: EDITING (SPELLING) (4 X 1m = 4 marks)**

Each of the underlined words contains a spelling error. Write the correct word in each of the box provided.

One day, Siew Mei was walking home from school when she saw a group of people

crowding round a tree. Out of (23) kueriosity, Siew Mei went forward to find out what was

going on. A man was trying to (24) resque a frightened cat from high up in the tree.

"I hope he is able to reach the cat," Siew Mei muttered (25) woreedly. Soon,

the man grabbed the cat and brought it down to (26) savet. Siew Mei and other onlookers  
sighed in relief.

Score

**SECTION E: SENTENCE-COMBINING ( 2 X 2m = 4 marks )**

For each of the questions from 27 to 28, 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.

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27. Tom ate a heavy breakfast. Tom felt hungry an hour later.

Although \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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28. Ellen did not take care of her health. Ellen fell ill.

\_\_\_\_\_ since  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Score :

## SECTION F: COMPREHENSION (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions that follow.

Ron was on his way home from school one afternoon when he passed Mr Wong's house. He saw the front door wide open and stole a peek. To his amazement, all the furniture was in a mess. On the floor lay boxes filled with household appliances. Ron bolted home and hurriedly told his parents that Mr Wong's house was being ransacked. Ron's father reached for the telephone.

A few minutes later, a police patrol car arrived outside Mr Wong's house. The policemen sprang out of the car. Before surrounding the house, they inspected the compound of the house. The sergeant, together with another policeman, then approached the doorway cautiously and called out, "Come out with your hands raised!" Seconds passed, but no one appeared from inside the house. Just as the policemen were getting ready to storm in, an astonished and alarmed Mr Wong came out with his wife.

"What's wrong?" he asked the policemen. By then, the neighbours had gathered outside Mr Wong's house. They heard the sergeant questioning Mr and Mrs Wong.

Alas, the Wongs were just spring cleaning their house. There was no burglar at all. Ron was in the crowd with his father. His face turned red.

"I'm sorry for the misunderstanding and inconvenience caused," he mumbled to Mr and Mrs Wong. Mr Wong, however, praised Ron for being a concerned neighbour of theirs.

The sergeant nodded and smiled at Ron.



For questions 29 to 30, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False".  
The first example has been done for you. [2m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	Ron told his parents that the Wong's house had been burgled	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
29.	Ron's father called the police.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
30.	Household appliances were scattered all over the floor.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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31. List two things the sergeant ordered the 'burglar' to do as he approached the doorway.

(i) \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

(ii) \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

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32. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks to show what the policemen did first, next and last in paragraph 2. [1m]


The policemen surrounded the house.

The policemen approached the doorway cautiously.

The policemen inspected the compound around the house.

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

Just as the policemen were getting ready to storm in, an astonished and alarmed  
Mr Wong came out with his wife. (A) (B)

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34. Name the activity Mr and Mrs Wong were actually doing. [1m]

\_\_\_\_\_

Do not  
write in this

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35. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

The sergeant nodded and smiled at Ron to show that \_\_\_\_\_ . [1m]

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<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

his men had done a good job

he disapproved of Ron wasting the policemen's time

he agreed with Mr Wong that Ron was a good neighbour

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36. Tick ✓ the **two** words that best describe how Ron felt at the end of the story. [2m]

shy

☐

concerned

☐

curious

☐

responsible

☐

apologetic

☐

embarrassed

☐☐

Score :



## SECTION G: COMPREHENSION (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions that follow.

Beth was ten, and like most girls of her class, she had to look after her baby brother while her mother worked. The baby brother she was carrying on her left hip was plump, and unfortunately, the Grand House where her mother worked was far away. By the time she reached the House, the little girl was puffing and panting. The baby was holding a biscuit in one hand and a bright red plastic spoon in the other. Playfully, the baby kept knocking his leg against his sister's side. Beth cried, "You're a very bad boy, James!" The baby only chuckled with pleasure and he thrust the half-eaten biscuit into her mouth. The moment Beth spat out the biscuit in a show of disgust, the baby gurgled with enjoyment.

Beth liked going to the Grand House because she enjoyed looking at David's toys. David, who was the same age as James, was the son of her mother's employer. His room was filled with toys. There were so many toys that they were found in every part of the house. Beth could only look at them; her mother had forbidden her to touch them or let James play with them ever since the unfortunate incident. Beth had pulled off the tail of David's favourite plastic giraffe. Furious, Mother had said, "Don't touch the toys again!" She tried to fix it back and was relieved that she succeeded.

Just as Beth arrived at the Grand House with her brother, David had awakened from his afternoon nap. His mother carried him to the living room where Beth and James were. David's mother lowered him to the floor so that he could play with James but he immediately began to whimper and whine. She brought David some toys and spread them before him. David clung to his mother while James scrambled for the toys.

*Adapted from "Big Sister" in Or Else the Lightning God, by Catherine Lim*

37. Why did Beth huff and pant by the time she reached the Grand House? [2m]

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38. How did James annoy his sister? [2m]

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For question 39, read the statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False".  
The first example has been done for you. [1m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	Beth worked in the Grand House.		✓
39.	David's toys were kept in one room.		

40. Beth's mother scolded her because Beth \_\_\_\_\_. [1m]

- (A) made David and James cry  
 (B) pulled off the tail of David's plastic giraffe  
 (C) did not stop James from touching David's toys

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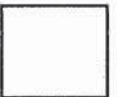
41. Which **two** words from lines 15 to 16 show the change in Mother's emotion?  
The words are found in two separate sentences. [2m]

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write in this  
space

42. James and David have very different personalities. Pick out one phrase from the passage for each boy to show the difference in their personalities. The first one has been done for you. [2m]

Do not  
write in this  
space

	Personality	Phrases that show the boy's personality
James	cheerful	(i) chuckled with pleasure (ii) _____
David	fearful	(i) whimper and whine (ii) _____



Score :

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# ANSWER KEY

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 TERM : SA2

## BOOKLET A

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Q19 are

Q20 has

Q21 speak

Q22 celebrate

Q23 curiosity

Q24 rescue

Q25 worriedly

Q26 safety

Q27 Although Tomate a heavy breakfast, he felt hungry an hour later.

Q28 Ellen fell ill since she did not take cae of her health.

Q29 True

Q30 False

Q31 (i)Come out of the house

(ii)Raise their hands

Q32 2

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Q33 alarmed

Q34 spring cleaning their house

Q35 he agreed with Mr Wong that Ron was a good neighbour

Q36 apologetic, embarrassed

Q37 She had to carry James, who was plump, and the Grand House was far away.

Q38 James kept knocking his leg against Beth's side and thrust a half-eaten biscuit into her mouth.

Q39 False

Q40 B

Q41 Furious, Relieved

Q42 (ii)gurgled with enjoyment

(ii)clung to his mother

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**PAYA LEBAR METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)**

**SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2, 2019**

**PRIMARY FOUR**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PAPER 2**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

CLASS: P4 \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 30 October 2019

Total Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

**INSTRUCTIONS TO PUPILS**

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

After you have completed the paper, check that you have shaded the correct ovals on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) for Questions 1-14 only.

	Marks Obtained	Maximum Marks
Section D - E	/	14
Section F	/	10
Section G - J	/	26
<b>TOTAL</b>	/	<b>50</b>

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Section D: Grammar (8 x 1 mark = 8 marks)**

**Choose the correct answer and write its number 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets provided. Shade your answers in the optical mark sheet.**

1. Adam \_\_\_\_\_ so tired he could not stop yawning while washing the dishes last night.  
  - (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
  
2. The camp instructor told the students to pitch the tent by \_\_\_\_\_.  
  - (1) himself
  - (2) yourself
  - (3) ourselves
  - (4) themselves
  
3. "Keep your voices down! The class next door \_\_\_\_\_ for a test right now," said the prefect.  
  - (1) sat
  - (2) sits
  - (3) have sat
  - (4) is sitting
  
4. \_\_\_\_\_ book on the table there is for the relief teacher.  
  - (1) This
  - (2) That
  - (3) These
  - (4) Those
  
5. The athletes grew nervous as they were about to compete \_\_\_\_\_ their toughest opponent.  
  - (1) along
  - (2) across
  - (3) among
  - (4) against

6. The students rushed through their tasks as they had \_\_\_\_\_ time left to complete them.

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

7. \_\_\_\_\_ it was raining very heavily, Jacob still walked home without an umbrella.

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

8. Emma and her family are going on a vacation to Australia, \_\_\_\_\_ they?

- (1) are
- (2) have
- (3) aren't
- (4) haven't

**Section E: Vocabulary (6 x 1 mark = 6 marks)**

**Choose the most suitable answer and write its number 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets provided. Shade your answers in the optical mark sheet.**

9. Mr Tan was \_\_\_\_\_ at his neighbour's dog that barked continuously as he was trying to sleep.

- (1) annoyed
- (2) confused
- (3) disappointed
- (4) embarrassed

10. The hungry boy \_\_\_\_\_ his food and finished it quickly.

- (1) nibbled
- (2) chewed
- (3) gobbled
- (4) munched

11. The teacher scolded a few pupils who did not \_\_\_\_\_ their homework on time.

- (1) hand in
- (2) hand over
- (3) hand back
- (4) hand down

12. The paramedics are busy attending to all \_\_\_\_\_ of the earthquake.

- (1) victims
- (2) culprits
- (3) onlookers
- (4) witnesses

13. The security guard acted \_\_\_\_\_ and chased the robber who tried to get away.

- (1) swiftly
- (2) sloppily
- (3) solemnly
- (4) suspiciously

14. Mrs Lim \_\_\_\_\_ at the top of her voice when she saw a lizard under the sink.

- (1) sighed
- (2) snapped
- (3) screeched
- (4) stammered

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**Section F: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)**

Read this passage and answer questions 15 to 23.

<p>Princess Elizabeth was roaming the castle grounds when she heard a cat meowing. She walked towards the sound and saw a stray cat trying to get a sip of water from a nearby fountain. Princess Elizabeth picked it up and decided to keep it as a pet. She named the cat, Molly, and took great care of it.</p>	5
<p>One day, while Princess Elizabeth was away for a visit, an evil troll stepped into her castle. He destroyed all her belongings and took off with Molly. When Princess Elizabeth came back, she decided to rescue Molly from the troll. She decided to follow the troll he left behind.</p>	10
<p>When she reached the entrance of the troll's cave, Princess Elizabeth challenged him. "Troll, is it true you can shout really loud?"</p> <p>"Of course I can do <b>that!</b>" replied the troll. Then, he roared at the top of his lungs for a whole minute and ran out of breath.</p> <p>Next, Princess Elizabeth asked, "Is it true you're really strong?"</p> <p>"Why, yes!" answered the troll. He used all his might and lifted the biggest boulder he could find. When he was done, he was so exhausted that he dozed off.</p>	15
<p>Cautiously, Princess Elizabeth tiptoed into the cave. She went down a flight of steps and walked across a short bridge. There, she heard Molly meowing fearfully. "Molly, it's me!" she called out. Upon seeing her, Molly's eyes lit up in an instant.</p>	20
<p><i>Adapted from The Paper Bag Princess by Robert Munsch</i></p>	

15. How did Princess Elizabeth find the troll? [1m]

\_\_\_\_\_

16. List 2 things the troll did that made him tired. [2m]

(i) \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) \_\_\_\_\_

For questions 17 - 19, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False".  
The first example has been done for you. [3m]

Statement		True	False
<b>Example</b>	Princess Elizabeth kept Molly as a pet.	✓	
17.	Princess Elizabeth was challenged by the troll.		
18.	The troll was awake after he lifted the boulder.		
19.	Molly was pleased to see Princess Elizabeth.		

20. What does the word 'that' in line 12 refer to? [1m]

For questions 21-22, look at the table below.

Which words in lines 18-21 have the same meaning as the words in the left column?  
Write your answers in the column on the right. [2m]

Meaning		Word from lines 18-21
21.	in a careful manner	
22.	In a scared manner	

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Elizabeth tricked the troll.

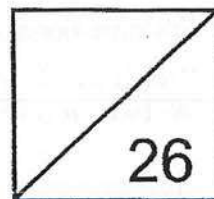
\_\_\_\_\_ Elizabeth wanted to rescue Molly.

\_\_\_\_\_ Elizabeth entered the cave.

**PAYA LEBAR METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)**

**SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2, 2019**

**PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2**



Name : \_\_\_\_\_ (      )

Class: P4 \_\_\_\_\_

Date : 30 October 2019

**Section G: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark = 8 marks)**

**Passage 1**

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

- |         |          |          |
|---------|----------|----------|
| (A) her | (B) his  | (C) it   |
| (D) she | (E) them | (F) they |

When Sofia was turning five, she asked her parents if she could have a princess-themed party. Her parents agreed as (24) \_\_\_\_\_ thought that it was a great idea. Sofia invited all her friends and told (25) \_\_\_\_\_ to dress up as princesses. They were over the moon and could not wait to come for (26) \_\_\_\_\_ party.

On the day of Sofia's party, she decided to surprise everyone by wearing a pirate costume (27) \_\_\_\_\_ was a red costume with black stripes. She even wore an eye patch over one eye. Her friends loved her outfit. She stood out amongst all the princesses.



## Passage 2

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

My mother loves to exercise. She (28) [ train / trains ] almost every day of the week and takes part in many marathons yearly. My twin brothers on the other hand, like to (29) [ sit / sits ] in front of the television every day.

Their teacher called my mother one day to complain that they would (30) [ avoid / avoids ] exercising during P.E. lessons by pretending to be sick. (31) [ This / these ] made my mother angry. She decided to get the whole family to exercise together.

### **Section H: Vocabulary Cloze (4 x 1 mark = 4 marks)**

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

(A) methods	(B) harmful	(C) lists
(D) necessary	(E) purchase	(F) pain

Scientists have been testing products on animals for many decades. We now know that animal testing is not (32) \_\_\_\_\_. There are many other ways of testing products without using animals. However, it still happens all around the world. Animal testing is also less effective than other (33) \_\_\_\_\_ of testing.

Animals in testing laboratories are under a lot of stress. They are exposed to many strong chemicals which can hurt them. These strong chemicals cause a lot of (34) \_\_\_\_\_ to these animals. We should help these animals. We should not support companies that test on animals. How can we do this? We should not (35) \_\_\_\_\_ products from companies that use animals to test their products.

Source : <https://sentientmedia.org/animal-cruelty>

**Section I: Comprehension Cloze (4 x 1mark = 4 marks)**

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

Nadia ran to her mother when she came home from school. Her mother was knitting in the living room.

"Mum! I learnt something (36) \_\_\_\_\_ in school today! Do you know our earth is dying? Have you heard about recycling? My form teacher, Madam Asha, showed us a video about global warming. We learnt that it is really important for us to recycle. We must all play our (37) \_\_\_\_\_ to help save the earth," Nadia spoke really fast as she sat down beside her mother.

Nadia's mother smiled and explained that she always recycles empty drink cans and plastic bottles. Nadia was surprised when she heard this. She told her mother that she did not (38) \_\_\_\_\_ that was the reason why her mom collects the cans and bottles in a basket.

Nadia's mother laughed. Then she suggested that they should also stop using plastic straws because it is bad for the environment. Nadia (39) \_\_\_\_\_ her head in agreement. She was elated that her mother cared about the earth.



**Section J: Comprehension 2 (10 marks)**

Read this passage and answer questions 40 to 45.

Totto-chan was skipping happily during recess when the headmaster approached her.

"Oh, there you are," said the headmaster. "I've been meaning to ask you something. Where did you buy that ribbon?" He was pointing at the blue bow she wore on her head.

Totto-chan was delighted. She had been wearing the special bow for two days. It was part of her aunt's old school uniform. She explained that her aunt had cut it from the back of her uniform and given it to her when she said that it was pretty. It was a beautiful silk ribbon with roses and lilies. When tied, it made a bow as big as Totto-chan's head.

"Oh!" The headmaster looked disappointed. "Yesterday, Miyo-chan said she wanted a ribbon just like yours. So I went to all the ribbon shops in town. But I was not lucky."

Miyo-Chan was the headmaster's daughter and Totto-chan's classmate.

The headmaster then asked politely if Totto-chan could stop wearing the ribbon in school because Miyo-chan would never stop pestering him for it.

Totto-chan did not expect that request. She loved her precious ribbon and felt like saying no. However, she agreed when she saw her headmaster's tired face. The thought of her beloved headmaster, searching high and low in all the ribbon shops, also made her feel sorry for him.

The next morning, when Totto-chan's mother entered Totto-chan's room, she found the ribbon tied around the neck of Totto-chan's favourite teddy bear. She wondered why her daughter had stopped wearing the ribbon that she was so excited about.

*Adapted from Totto-Chan: The Little Girl at the Window by Tetsuko Kuroyanagi*

40. What did the headmaster want to find out from Totto-chan? [2m]

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41. Why was the ribbon special to Totto-chan? [2m]

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42. How did the headmaster feel after talking to Totto-chan? [1m]

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43. Which sentence from lines 9-10 tells us the headmaster could not find the ribbon in the shops? Write the sentence in the box below. [1m]

44. What did the headmaster ask Totto-chan to do? Why? [2m]

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45. How do you think Totto-chan's mother felt when she saw the ribbon around the teddy bear's neck? Why did she feel that way? [2m]

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**SECTION D AND E**

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

**SECTION F**

**Q15. Princess Elizabeth found the troll by following the trail the troll left behind.**

**Q16. (i) Roaring at the top of his lungs for a whole one minute.**

**(ii) Lifting the biggest boulder he could find.**

**Q17. False**

**Q18. False**

**Q19. True**

**Q20. Shouting really loud.**

**Q21. Cautiously**

**Q22. Fearfully**

**Q23. 2, 1, 3**

**SECTION G**

**Q24. F**

**Q25. E**

**Q26. A**

**Q27. C**

**Q28. trains**

**Q29. sit**

**Q30. avoid**

**Q31. This**

## **SECTION H**

**Q32. D**

**Q33. A**

**Q34. F**

**Q35. E**

## **SECTION I**

**Q36. important**

**Q37. part**

**Q38. know**

**Q39. nodded**

## **SECTION J**

**Q40. The headmaster wanted to find out where she bought the blue bow that she wore on her head.**

**Q41. The ribbon was part of her aunt's old school uniform and her aunt had cut it from the back of her uniform and given it to Totto-chan when she said that it was pretty.**

**Q42. He felt disappointed after talking to Totto-chan.**

**Q43. But I was not lucky.**

**Q44. The headmaster asked if Totto-chan could stop wearing the ribbon in school because Miyo-chan would never stop pestering him for it.**

**Q45. I think Totto-chan's mother felt weird as her daughter had stopped wearing the ribbon she was so excited about.**

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**PAPER 2**

Additional Materials: Optical Answer Sheet (OAS)

Time : 1 h 15 min

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (      )

Class : Primary 4 / \_\_\_\_\_

Date : 29 October 2019

English Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>Paper 1</b> (Composition)	<b>20</b>
<b>Paper 2</b> (Lang Use & Compre)	<b>50</b>
<b>Paper 3</b> (Listening Compre)	<b>14</b>
<b>Paper 4</b> (Oral)	<b>16</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

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**Section A: Vocabulary (6 × 1 mark)**

For Q1-6, four options are given. Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. The doctor cured her of her \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) ability  
(2) strength  
(3) disease  
(4) weakness
2. They were very \_\_\_\_\_ about the fishing trip and looked forward to it.  
(1) excited  
(2) contented  
(3) embarrassed  
(4) disappointed
3. She washed and \_\_\_\_\_ her car until it shone.  
(1) rubbed  
(2) mopped  
(3) scrubbed  
(4) polished
4. It is \_\_\_\_\_ to bring along any food as all meals will be provided at the three-day camp.  
(1) unwanted  
(2) unhealthy  
(3) unnecessary  
(4) unhygienic
5. "Tell me about how you feel, I'm \_\_\_\_\_," assured the counsellor.  
(1) all ears  
(2) the apple of his eye  
(3) an arm and a leg  
(4) raining cats and dogs

6. Mother \_\_\_\_\_ up all the dirty socks and shirts from the floor to toss them into the washing machine.

- (1) broke
- (2) threw
- (3) looked
- (4) scooped

**Section B: Grammar (8 × 1 mark)**

For Q7-14, four options are given. Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

7. Sebastian and I followed the map and went to the museum \_\_\_\_\_

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

8. During school assembly yesterday, I \_\_\_\_\_ surprised when my teacher called me on stage to receive a prize.

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

9. "Don't disturb Father. He \_\_\_\_\_ now," said Mother.

- (1) slept
- (2) sleeps
- (3) has slept
- (4) is sleeping

10. While everyone \_\_\_\_\_ in the classroom, Devi went to the sick bay to rest.

- (1) reads
- (2) will read
- (3) has read
- (4) was reading

11. \_\_\_\_\_ student sitting here has the most toys in the class.

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

12. Aunty Nancy likes to go to the community club as she has \_\_\_\_\_ friends there.

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

13. Siti is busy and had \_\_\_\_\_ time to help Tom with his homework.

- (1) a lot of
- (2) many
- (3) few
- (4) no

14. Last week, they \_\_\_\_\_ many books from the book fair held in the shopping mall.

- (1) have bought
- (2) were buying
- (3) bought
- (4) buy

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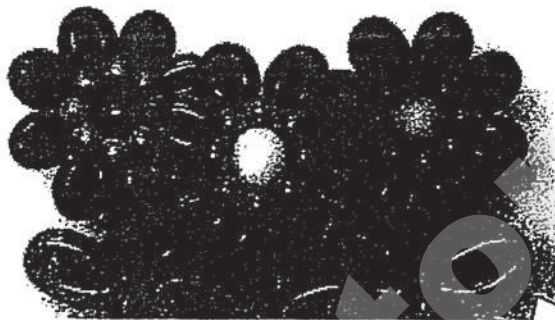


**Section C: Visual Text Comprehension (4 × 1 mark)**

Study the brochure carefully and answer the questions that follow.

# Balloon Sculpting

## Interest Group 2019



Back by  
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demand!

Come and join us every Saturday from 6 July 2019 onwards!

Time: 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm

Fees: \$27 per lesson (Materials included)

Venue: Pishan Community Club, Class 4

Trainer: Christina Tan

Please visit [www.pishancc.com.sg](http://www.pishancc.com.sg) for registration. Payment to be made online upon registration. Registration will close on 30 May 2019.

For more information, please contact Mdm Siti at 6353 1111.

*Pishan Community Club  
Blk 16 Pishan Road #01-1234 Singapore 570016*

Organised by: Onez

Sponsored by: This Balloon Company

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

15. According to the brochure, which of the following statement is **not true**?

- (1) The interest group will meet from 6 July 2019 onwards.
- (2) The programme will start from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.
- (3) This is the first time the programme is run.
- (4) Materials are included in the fees.

16. The organiser of the balloon sculpting interest group is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) Onez
- (2) Christina Tan
- (3) This Balloon Company
- (4) Pishan Community Centre

17. What should Mary do to find out more information about the interest group?

- (1) She should contact Mdm Siti.
- (2) She should contact Christina Tan.
- (3) She should visit [www. www.pishancc.com.sg](http://www.pishancc.com.sg).
- (4) She should visit the This Balloon Company website.

18. Payment for the programme is to be made \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) online at [www.pishancc.com.sg](http://www.pishancc.com.sg)
- (2) at the Pishan Community Club
- (3) to This Balloon Company
- (4) to Mdm Siti or Christina Tan

**Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 × 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) it	(B) you	(C) she
(D) them	(E) they	(F) us

"Mother dear," said a little mouse one day, "I think the people in our house must be very kind. They leave such nice things for (19) \_\_\_\_\_ in the larder."

There was a twinkle in the mother's eye as (20) \_\_\_\_\_ replied, "Well, my child, although (21) \_\_\_\_\_ are very kind in their ways, I don't think they like us as (22) \_\_\_\_\_ think. As a result, I wouldn't be surprised if they tried to catch you."

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

Mr Koh is at the market. He Q23 [ enjoy / enjoys ] helping his friend, Mr Ang, at his chicken rice stall. They Q24 [ is / are ] busy from early morning to the late afternoon. Mr Ang Q25 [ has / have ] been selling chicken rice for ten years. Mr Ang and his family Q26 [ appreciate / appreciates ] what Mr Koh has done. He is a good friend to the family.

**Section E: Sentence Combining (4 × 1 mark)**

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

27. Billy was late for school. May was late for school too.

**Both** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

28. Siti is not going to the birthday party. Jing Yi is also not going to the birthday party.

**Neither** \_\_\_\_\_ **nor** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

29. I told him my secret. He was shocked.

**When** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

30. Chris enjoys eating fried chicken. Fried chicken is unhealthy.

\_\_\_\_\_ **although** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Section F: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Dear Diary,

Today Miss Lim took us to Sunway Splash Park. She wanted us to enjoy the many rides and attractions there. I could swim but I was not sure if I would enjoy a water adventure park.

We were delighted by what we saw there. The waterfall was spectacular and all of us were eager to take many photographs. After that, we walked around to explore the adventure park. There were rides of all sorts. Some rides required us to wear life jackets. Some rides had to be taken only if the children were with adults. Hence, it was safe for us to take these rides. 5

We queued up for a few rides. I was a little wet after doing the water slide although I had a full-length raincoat on. I squealed in delight when Miss Lim was drenched! First, she was jumping up and down. We laughed as she screamed and then covered her eyes with her hands. The water had splashed all over the place. No wonder it was called Sunway Splash Park. 10

After a change of clothes, our teacher told us to start the class picnic. We sat on a huge grass patch. We ate happily. Finally, it was time to go home. We were reluctant to leave the place because we were having such a good time. 15

Mary

For Q31 to 33, read each statement and tick (✓) 'True' or 'False'. Refer to paragraph 1 and 2 to help you. The first example has been done for you. (3m)

	Statement	True	False
<b>Example</b>	Miss Lim took the students on a trip to Sunway Splash Park.	✓	
31.	Miss Lim took the students to a water adventure park to teach them how to swim.		
32.	The students need to wear life jackets for all rides in the park.		
33.	The students had a picnic before heading home.		

34. Which word has the same meaning as 'amazing'? Circle either (A) or (B). (1m)

The waterfall was spectacular and all of us were eager to take many photographs.  
(A) (B)

For Q35, write your answer in a complete sentence.

35. How did Sunway Splash Park make the rides safe? (1m)

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36. List three things which Miss Lim did after she was drenched.

- i. \_\_\_\_\_ (1m)  
ii. \_\_\_\_\_ (1m)  
iii. \_\_\_\_\_ (1m)

37. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

The place is called Sunway Splash Park as \_\_\_\_\_. (1m)

<input type="checkbox"/>	there is a spectacular waterfall
<input type="checkbox"/>	you need to wear a full-length raincoat
<input type="checkbox"/>	there are many water rides that cause one to get wet

38. Which word in **paragraph 4** has the same meaning as unwilling? (1m)



**Section G: Comprehension 2 (10 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Do not be surprised or shocked if you see dogs walking around in shopping malls. These dogs are known as guide dogs and have been specially trained. They help to guide the blind wherever they go. These dogs act as their eyes so that their handlers are able to move safely around.

Only selected breeds can be guide dogs. Golden and Labrador Retrievers, 5  
German Shepherds and other larger breeds are used because of their size. They are able to lead their handlers or prevent them from getting into danger.

Guide dogs requires a lot of time and patience to train. Guide dogs are trained from young to be well mannered and not cause any problem in public. Their job is to help their handlers cross roads safely and keep them safe. Sometimes, they even help 10  
their handlers get dressed. Currently, there are only eight guide dogs in Singapore. Guide dogs are allowed to be in shopping mall, restaurants as well as trains and train stations.

When you see a guide dog, you may want to greet it. Remember, the dog is working and is responsible for its handler's safety. Hence, you should not pat or distract 15  
it. Do not give the guide dog commands. Only its handler should. It is best to avoid walking on the left side of the dog as it may confuse the dog. One should never try to grab the dog's harness to control it. You should not give the dog food or treats. It will distract them from doing their job. You should only provide help to the handler when needed. By doing so, you are helping the guide dogs to do their job and keep their 20  
handlers safe.

Adapted from Pet Health Zone

39. Which 4-word phrase in paragraph 1 tells you that guide dogs help the blind to see?

(1m)

For Q40, write your answer in a complete sentence.

40. According to the passage, why are only selected breed trained to be guide dogs? (2m)

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For Q41 to 43, tick (✓) whether the statements describe "True" or "False". Refer to paragraph 3 to help you. The first example has been done for you. (3m)

	Statement	True	False
<b>Example</b>	Guide dogs are train when they are much older.		✓
41	Guide dogs make sure that their handlers cross roads safely.		
42.	The handlers dressed their guide dogs up.		
43.	Guide dogs are trained to be aggressive and ferocious in public areas.		

44. List three things that you should not do when you see a guide dog.

i. \_\_\_\_\_ (1m)

ii. \_\_\_\_\_ (1m)

iii. \_\_\_\_\_ (1m)

45. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

From this passage, students learn \_\_\_\_\_. (1m)

<input type="checkbox"/>	how to treat guide dogs as pets
<input type="checkbox"/>	that guide dogs are responsible for their handlers' safety
<input type="checkbox"/>	about many different breeds of dogs

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## ANSWER KEY

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

Q19 F

Q20 C

Q21 E

Q22 B

Q23 enjoys

Q24 are

Q25 has

Q26 appreciate

Q27 Both Billy and May were late for school.

Q28 Neither Siti nor Jing Yi is going to the birthday party.

Q29 When I told him my secret, he was shocked.

Q30 Chris enjoys eating fried chicken although it is unhealthy.

Q31 False

Q32 False

Q33 True

Q34 spectacular



**Q35** Some rides require us to wear life jackets, and some rides had to be taken only if the children were with adults.

**Q36** i. She was jumping up and down.

ii. She screamed

iii. She covered her eyes with her hands

**Q37** there are many water rides that cause one to get wet

**Q38** reluctant

**Q39** act as their eyes

**Q40** They are used because of their larger size, and they are able to lead their handlers or prevent them from getting into danger.

**Q41** True

**Q42** False

**Q43** False

**Q44** i. Do not give the guide dog commands

ii. One should never try to grab the dog's harness to control it.

iii. You should not give the dog food or treat.

**Q45** that guide dogs are responsible for their handlers' safety.



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**RED SWASTIKA SCHOOL**  
**2019 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2**  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 2**  
**LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION**  
**PRIMARY 4**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Class : Primary 4 / \_\_\_\_\_

Date : 24 October 2019

**Note:**

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read carefully the instructions given at the beginning of each section.
3. Do not waste time. If a question is difficult for you, go on to the next one.
4. Check your answers thoroughly and make sure you attempt every question.

41 Questions

50 Marks

Duration of Paper: 1 hour 15 minutes

ITEMS	OBTAINED	POSSIBLE
MCQ		24
Qn 20 - 41		26
TOTAL		50

Parent's Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

**Section A : Vocabulary (6 marks)**

Choose the correct answer and shade its number on the OAS provided.

- 1 It is safer for young children to swim in \_\_\_\_\_ water.
- (1) deep (2) wide  
(3) narrow (4) shallow
- 2 I could smell the \_\_\_\_\_ of the roast chicken as I walked into the kitchen.
- (1) scent (2) odour  
(3) aroma (4) fragrance
- 3 Tom's parents \_\_\_\_\_ him to school every morning so that he can sleep in a little more.
- (1) take (2) drag  
(3) guide (4) follow
- 4 May Ling is a \_\_\_\_\_ girl as she gave her mother a hand-made card on Mother's Day.
- (1) helpful (2) careful  
(3) hopeful (4) thoughtful
- 5 Encountering a tsunami would be a/an \_\_\_\_\_ for the people living near the sea.
- (1) accident (2) incident  
(3) mishap (4) disaster
- 6 My sister \_\_\_\_\_ succeeded in climbing up the rock wall after several attempts.
- (1) firstly (2) lastly  
(3) eventually (4) immediately

**Section B : Grammar (8 marks)**

**Choose the correct answer and shade its number on the OAS provided.**

- 7 The students walked into the Art Room and helped \_\_\_\_\_ to the crayons on the table.
- (1) herself (2) himself  
(3) ourselves (4) themselves
- 8 During Music lesson yesterday, I \_\_\_\_\_ surprised when my classmates sang me a birthday song.
- (1) is (2) are  
(3) was (4) were
- 9 "Stop playing the piano now. The baby \_\_\_\_\_," said Mother.
- (1) slept (2) sleeps  
(3) has slept (4) is sleeping
- 10 Last night, Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ some durians before her parents came home.
- (1) eats (2) ate  
(3) have eaten (4) was eating
- 11 While everyone \_\_\_\_\_ the test, Ali fell asleep on his desk.
- (1) does (2) will do  
(3) has done (4) was doing
- 12 \_\_\_\_\_ toys in that corner should be placed in the toy box.
- (1) This (2) That  
(3) These (4) Those

13 May's birthday is just \_\_\_\_\_ days away.

- (1) many
- (3) some

- (2) much
- (4) a few

14 We had so \_\_\_\_\_ fun at Universal Studios yesterday that we were reluctant to leave.

- (1) much
- (3) little

- (2) many
- (4) few

**Section C : Visual Text Comprehension (10 marks)**

Read this poster carefully and answer the questions that follow. Choose the correct answer and shade its number on the OAS provided.

## Celebrate Children's Day at the Zoo



Date: 2 November 2019, Saturday  
Assembly point and time : Starview Community Club at 8 a.m.  
Return: Bus will depart from the zoo at 4 p.m.  
for Starview MRT Station

Ticket Price		
	Original Price	Event ticket price!!
Child (3 to 12 years old)	\$23	Special price of \$10 per person
Adult	\$35	
Senior Citizen (60 years old & above)	\$15	

Get a free keychain with every 4 tickets purchased!

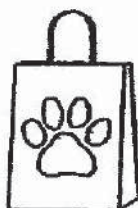
**\*Tickets include:**

- 2-way transport
- visit to Singapore Zoo & River Safari
- admission ticket to Night Safari
- souvenir pack



**\*Meals are not included**

Grab  
your  
tickets  
NOW!



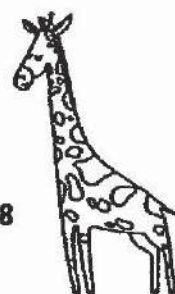
**Highlights:**

- Animal In Action
  - Dance Extravaganza
  - Stage Games
  - Meet Baby Animals
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- Participate : stage game to win attractive prizes
  - Take at least 3 photographs of baby animals to redeem a gift.



- Open to Singapore Citizens living in the Starview area only
- Tickets are non-refundable

For ticketing enquiries, please call Starview Community Club at 6758 9488





- 15 This activity is organised for \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) all Singapore citizens
  - (2) Starview residents only
  - (3) children visiting the zoo
  - (4) members of the Singapore Zoo
- 16 On 2 November 2019, participants are to meet at \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) Night Safari
  - (2) Singapore Zoo
  - (3) Starview MRT Station
  - (4) Starview Community Club
- 17 Which of the following statements about the event ticket is true?
- (1) Tickets are free for all.
  - (2) A senior citizen ticket is the cheapest.
  - (3) Everyone pays the same price for the tickets.
  - (4) An adult ticket costs more than that of a child's.
- 18 Sharon wants to redeem a gift. What can she do?
- (1) watch a dance performance
  - (2) participate in the stage games
  - (3) take four photographs of baby animals
  - (4) purchase an admission ticket to Night Safari
- 19 All participants will take home a \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) prize
  - (2) keychain
  - (3) packed meal
  - (4) souvenir pack



**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 ONLY ONCE.

(A) they	(B) me	(C) them
(D) you	(E) we	(F) I

Hi John,

How are you? You know I like fish. Hence, \_\_\_\_\_ cannot imagine how  
(20)

happy I was when \_\_\_\_\_ received two clown fish on my birthday. Mother bought  
(21)

me a fish tank to give \_\_\_\_\_ more space to swim. Looking at the fish swim  
(22)

makes \_\_\_\_\_ feel relaxed. I can't wait to show you my lovely clown fish.  
(23)

Your cousin,

Alan



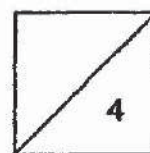
**Section E : Grammar Cloze (4 marks)**

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

Kim is a primary school librarian. She (24) [ enjoy / enjoys ] displaying new books on the shelves. Those are the books that (25) [ go / goes ] out on loan first.

Kim (26) [ has / have ] to work long hours daily but she does not mind it a bit. There (27) [ is / are ] always something for her to be excited about when working in the library.

She enjoys being amongst the books and children.



**Section F : Editing (4 marks)**

Correct each word in bold for spelling and underlined> for punctuation. Write the correct word or punctuation in the relevant box.

Riding on an escalator can be dangerous if one is not alert. A child was taken to

(28)

hospital after getting his foot stuck in an eskalator at Jewel Changi Airport on 24<sup>th</sup> June.

(29)

The Singapore Civil Defence Force managed to release the boys foot using rescue tools.

(30)

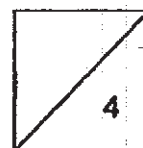
Investigations showed that the incident **okurred** during the peak hours. A spokesman for

(31)

Jewel Changi Airport said, "the management would like to remind all shoppers to stay

vigilant." He also advised all parents to keep an eye on their children at all times.

*Adaped from [https:// www.straitstimes.com/singapore/boys-foot-trapped-in-escalator-at-jewel](https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/boys-foot-trapped-in-escalator-at-jewel)*



**Section G : Synthesis (4 marks)**

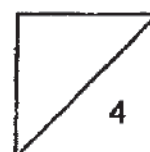
**For each of the questions, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the words provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence (s)**

- 32** "I want to go to the Bird Park," Amy told her mother.

Amy told her mother \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 33** He will go to sleep if you tell him a story.

Unless \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



## **Section H : Comprehension (10 marks)**

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

One is never too young to start recycling efforts. Every Tuesday morning, Bowen, a six-year old boy wakes up at five o'clock to collect bags of recyclables containing plastic bottles, aluminium cans and old newspapers from his neighbours. His little project has inspired his neighbours and they have supported his recycling effort. They show their support by placing their recyclables outside their door on Monday nights. 5  
After an hour of door-to-door collection, Bowen sorts the recyclables into the recycling bins according to the different materials.

Bowen started doing his part to save the earth after watching a video clip on polar bears losing their homes as a result of ice caps melting. Bowen's father is proud of his son for starting the project. He even helps Bowen wheel his collection bin so that 10  
Bowen can still make it on time for school.

After three months, his ideas have caught on with other children in the neighbourhood and about 18 of them have started their own collection services. They want to change the world and hope that their neighbours will make recycling a part of their lives. It is amazing how one small child with a big idea can make a difference. 15

*Adapted from <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/causes-week-2014-just-6-but-hdream-to-save-the-earth>*

34 Name three recyclables which Bowen collects from his neighbours.

(i) \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

(ii) \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

(iii) \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

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

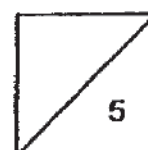
His little project has <u>inspired</u> his neighbours and they have <u>supported</u> his recycling effort.
(A) (B)

36 Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

Bowen's neighbours show their support for his recycling project by

\_\_\_\_\_. [1m]

<input type="checkbox"/>	wheeling the recycle bin
<input type="checkbox"/>	laying out their recyclables
<input type="checkbox"/>	helping him sort out the recyclables





37 What does Bowen do after collecting the recyclables? [1m]

For Q 38– 40, read the statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". Refer to paragraph 2 to help you. The first example has been done for you. [3m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	Bowen goes to school after collecting all the recyclables from his neighbours.	✓	
38	Bowen read an article about polar bears losing their homes as a result of ice caps melting.		
39	Bowen is not late for school because of his father's help.		
40	Bowen is proud of his father for starting the recycling project.		

41 Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

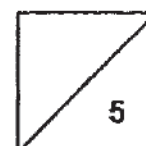
In the last paragraph, we learn that \_\_\_\_\_. [1m]

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anyone can make an effort to change the world

only small children can make a big difference

it is easy to start our own collection services



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

Q24)	enjoys	Q28)	escalator
Q25)	go	Q29)	boy's
Q26)	has	Q30)	occurred
Q27)	is	Q31)	"The

Q32)	Amy told her mother that she wanted to go to the Bird Park.
Q33)	Unless you tell him a story, he will not go to sleep
Q34)	i)plastic bottles ii)old newspapers iii)aluminium cans
Q35)	B
Q36)	Laying out their recyclables
Q37)	Bowen sorts the recyclables into recycling bins according to different materials.
Q38)	False
Q39)	True
Q40)	False
Q41)	anyone can make an effort to change the world

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## SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ( 2 ) 2019

Sections A to C	24
Sections D to G	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>
Parent's Signature	

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Class: P4 Index No: \_\_\_\_\_

**31 OCT 2019      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. Last December, the construction workers \_\_\_\_\_ shocked to unearth a bomb while digging a tunnel for the new MRT train station.  
  - (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
  
2. "Please turn down the volume of the television. The baby \_\_\_\_\_," Mrs Lin told her husband.  
  - (1) slept
  - (2) sleeps
  - (3) is sleeping
  - (4) was sleeping
  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ scratch marks on that table leg over there were caused by the little puppy.  
  - (1) This
  - (2) That
  - (3) These
  - (4) Those

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4. Tiffany and I followed the recipe and baked the strawberry cupcakes \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (1) herself
  - (2) himself
  - (3) ourselves
  - (4) themselves
5. The child \_\_\_\_\_ upset when her father did not bring her for the movie.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
6. As Mother \_\_\_\_\_ for work, she reminded me to revise my work.
- (1) leave
  - (2) has left
  - (3) will leave
  - (4) was leaving
7. You have added too \_\_\_\_\_ cubes of sugar in the coffee. It is too sweet now.
- (1) few
  - (2) little
  - (3) many
  - (4) much
8. Jennifer shows \_\_\_\_\_ interest in her work. She prefers to spend her time playing games on the computer.
- (1) little
  - (2) none
  - (3) a few
  - (4) many

**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. After Tom's condition was stabilised, the paramedics transported him to the nearest hospital in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) train
  - (2) rickshaw
  - (3) fire engine
  - (4) ambulance
10. Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ into Kelly's ears to prevent anyone from overhearing their conversation.
- (1) whistled
  - (2) hummed
  - (3) whispered
  - (4) whimpered
11. The wading pool is a more suitable choice for young children to swim in as it is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) deep
  - (2) shallow
  - (3) turbulent
  - (4) dangerous
12. When James noticed a stranger following him, he was \_\_\_\_\_ and his face turned pale with fright.
- (1) terrified
  - (2) irritated
  - (3) saddened
  - (4) disappointed

13. After Tom had collected sufficient coupons, he went to the counter to \_\_\_\_\_ the free gift.

- (1) retake
- (2) reclaim
- (3) redeem
- (4) renounce

14. In order to operate the machine, Johnson followed the \_\_\_\_\_ closely.

- (1) score
- (2) receipt
- (3) manual
- (4) catalogue

### Section C: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 15 - 22.

In recent months, many Singaporeans have developed a growing protest against personal mobility devices (PMDs) , which have left riders and pedestrians with all manners of injuries from deep cuts to fractures and concussions.

These PMDs, such as electric scooters and electric unicycles, are popular with riders for daily commutes and deliverymen whose livelihoods depend on them. Despite efforts to regulate their use, safety concerns persist and criticisms are mounting to keep them off footpaths and the void decks of public housing estates.

Many countries around the world have to grapple and try to resolve the problems and dangers posed by these vehicles. Some have laid down speed limits or barred them from footpaths. Germany banned e-scooters from pavements whereas France has laid down speed limits. In the United Kingdom, they are only allowed on private property.

Dr Lee Bee Wah, a Member of Parliament, asked if Singapore could follow Germany's ban. She said, "Allowing PMDs on footpaths poses danger to the pedestrians." She also commented that some of her residents are worried when walking on footpaths.

Dr Lam Pin Min, Senior Minister of State for Transport, replied that it was not a good solution to impose such a ban on them. He added that Singaporeans should be encouraged to ride responsibly and only at allowed places.

*Adapted from channel news asia, Kenneth Cheng, "Big Road Calls to ban PMD mounts as accidents persists"*

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15. Refer to **paragraph 1**, name two forms of injuries caused by personal mobility devices. [2m]

(i) \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) \_\_\_\_\_

For question 16, tick (✓) your chosen answer. Refer to **paragraph 2** to help you.

16. Tick your chosen answer.

Singaporeans use PMDs because they are \_\_\_\_\_. [1m]

<input type="checkbox"/>	extremely safe
<input type="checkbox"/>	a form of transport
<input type="checkbox"/>	fun to ride around in

17. From **paragraph 2**, why do deliverymen make use of PMDs? [1m]

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\_\_\_\_\_

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Tick (✓) your chosen answer. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

20. From **paragraph 4**, give a reason why Dr Lee Bee Wah wants to ban the use of PMDs on footpaths. [1m]

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

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22. From **paragraph 5**, what are the two suggestions Dr Lam made for Singapore to deal with the dangers posed by PMDs?

(i) \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

(ii) \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

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# RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

## SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ( 2 )

2019

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31 Oct 2019

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) careless	(B) clumsy	(C) gentle	(D) habitats
(E) hatch	(F) length	(G) modern	(H) propel
(J) shock	(K) species	(L) venues	(M) vulnerable

American alligators once faced the risk of extinction. Fortunately, through legal protection, they are no longer listed as an endangered (23) \_\_\_\_\_ as they reached a population size of one million. The main threat they face today is the destruction of their (24) \_\_\_\_\_ caused by human activities.

These reptiles are (25) \_\_\_\_\_ on land but they move easily in the water. They are equipped with webbed feet and strong tails that (26) \_\_\_\_\_ them through the water.

An average American alligator is about 3 to 5 metres long. Half of its (27) \_\_\_\_\_ is contributed by its massive tail. As big and ferocious as the female may look, she is a (28) \_\_\_\_\_ mother. After she makes her nest and lay her eggs on shore, she guards them till they are ready to (29) \_\_\_\_\_.

Newly hatched alligators are about 15 centimetres long. They are very (30) \_\_\_\_\_ at this stage. The mother has to protect them from predators for two years before they are able to fend for themselves.

Adapted from <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/reptiles/american-alligator/>



**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) it	(B) him	(C) me
(D) she	(E) them	(F) they

People who offer to do something without expecting any rewards are volunteers. Most charitable homes are supported by (31) \_\_\_\_\_.

Last year, Mr Lee went to help at the Rainbow Club. They gave (32) \_\_\_\_\_ the task of teaching, helping children who were from less fortunate families.

His wife, Mrs Lee, had also started volunteering at the club. Together, (33) \_\_\_\_\_ spent their weekend helping others. They found (34) \_\_\_\_\_ meaningful to help others.

**Section F: Grammar Cloze 2 (4 X 1 mark)**

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

Janice enjoys playing badminton. Whenever her father (35) [ buy / buys ] a new racket for her birthday, she will be elated. She usually plays with her classmates when she (36) [ has / have ] completed her work. They (37) [ play / plays ] for a couple of hours each time at the nearby community centre. Sometimes her neighbours (38) [ join / joins ] in the fun too. This makes Janice very happy.

Janice always looks forward to these badminton sessions.

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

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 39 - 47.

When I first saw Tina, I thought she was a very boring person. She kept to herself most of the time so we never said much to each other.

Tina was eleven when she was transferred to our school. She was petite for her age and she looked thin and frail. She had problems with walking so she had to use crutches. Her movement was slow and rather awkward.

My friends and I would make fun of her funny movements by calling her names and imitating the way she walked. We would sometimes give her a push to "help" her move a little faster. She never complained to the teachers about it and nor did she try to stop us. Soon I began to feel guilty for the way we were mistreating her. I was afraid of being labelled as a coward. My friends and I continued being mean to her until one day when Tina failed to turn up in school. We were pleased with ourselves, thinking that we had successfully frightened her away.

A week later, however, Tina's mother came to school and informed the teachers that Tina had fallen very ill and was hospitalised. Tina had been battling ill-health since she was born. As she was frequently hospitalised and absent from school, she had no opportunity to form friendships. She told her mother that she was happy to be in our school because she had made many new friends.

I felt a great sense of shame and guilt. I treated her so badly and yet she regarded me as her friend. I decided to be a real friend to Tina and did not care about what my other friends said. I went to the hospital to visit Tina and spent time doing work and chatting with her. That was how Tina and I became the best of friends!

39. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

In **paragraph 1**, the writer thought that Tina was a \_\_\_\_\_ person.

[1m]

<input type="checkbox"/>	quiet
<input type="checkbox"/>	conceited
<input type="checkbox"/>	passionate

40. Which word in **paragraph 2** tells you that Tina was weak?

[1m]

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For Q41-43, read each statement, tick (✓) "True" or "False" and give a reason for your answer. Refer to **paragraph 3** to help you. The first example has been done for you. [3m]

	Statement	True	False	Reason
<b>Example</b>	The writer and her friends thought that they had successfully frightened Tina away.	✓		Tina had failed to turn up in school.
41.	The writer and her friends teased Tina unkindly...			
42.	Tina tried to stop her friends from mistreating her.			
43.	The writer and her friends were afraid of being labelled as cowards.			

44. Refer to **paragraph 4** and answer in a complete sentence.

Why was Tina frequently hospitalised?

[1m]

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45. In **paragraph 4**, which four-word phrase tells us why Tina was happy in the new school? [1m]

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46. Which adjective best describes the writer's character **at the end of the story**?

Put a tick (✓) in the box beside your answer.

[1m]

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boring	
caring	
impatient	

47. For Q47, write your answer in complete sentences.

According to **paragraph 5**, give two reasons how the writer finally became good friends with Tina.

[2m]

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## ANSWER KEY

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### SECTION A & B

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

### SECTION C

Q15) i: deep cuts  
ii: fractures

Q16) a form of transport

Q17) They depend on PMDs for their livelihoods.

Q18) Germany

Q19) France

Q20) She thinks that allowing PMDs on footpaths poses danger to the pedestrians.

Q21) A

Q22) i: He suggested Singaporeans to ride PMDs responsibly.

ii: He suggested Singaporeans to ride PMDs only at allowed places.



## **SECTION D – F**

**Q23) K**

**Q24) D**

**Q25) B**

**Q26) H**

**Q27) F**

**Q28) C**

**Q29) E**

**Q30) M**

**Q31) E**

**Q32) B**

**Q33) F**

**Q34) A**

**Q35) buys**

**Q36) has**

**Q37) play**

**Q38) join**

## **SECTION G**

**Q39) quiet**

**Q40) frail**

41.	The writer and her friends teased Tina unkindly.	✓		The writer and her friends would make fun of Tina's funny movements by calling her names and imitating the way she walked. They would sometimes push her.
42.	Tina tried to stop her friends from mistreating her.		✓	Tina never complained to the teachers about her friends mistreating her nor did she try to stop them.
43.	The writer and her friends were afraid of being labelled as cowards.		✓	The writer felt guilty for the way they were mistreating Tina but was afraid of being labelled as a coward.

Q44) Tina had been battling ill-health since she was born.

Q45) made many new friends

Q46) caring

Q47) The writer went to the hospital to visit Tina and spent time doing work with her.

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**ROSYTH SCHOOL  
END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION 2019  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2  
PRIMARY 4**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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.

\* This paper consists of 6 pages altogether (including the cover page).

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**Section A: Grammar (8 marks)**

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

- 1) Kim and Alan \_\_\_\_\_ very happy when they found their lost pet.
- |         |          |
|---------|----------|
| (1) is  | (2) are  |
| (3) was | (4) were |
- 2) My father wanted my brother and me to split the workload between \_\_\_\_\_.
- |               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| (1) himself   | (2) myself     |
| (3) ourselves | (4) themselves |
- 3) While everyone \_\_\_\_\_ quietly in the library, Dave was chatting with his friends.
- |                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| (1) reads        | (2) will read   |
| (3) were reading | (4) was reading |
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ girl standing there is the most hardworking student in our class.
- |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| (1) That  | (2) This  |
| (3) These | (4) Those |
- 5) During recess yesterday, John \_\_\_\_\_ surprised when his classmates gave him a birthday present.
- |         |          |
|---------|----------|
| (1) is  | (2) are  |
| (3) was | (4) were |



6) Two days ago, we \_\_\_\_\_ many storybooks from the shop before it closed down.

(1) buy

(2) bought

(3) have bought

(4) were buying

7) "Listen carefully. Mr Lee \_\_\_\_\_ important instructions for the group activity now," muttered Siti to Tom.

(1) gave

(2) gives

(3) is giving

(4) has given

8) The tea is not sweet enough. Jane added too \_\_\_\_\_ sugar to it.

(1) little

(2) few

(3) many

(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) Mr Tan followed the \_\_\_\_\_ closely in order to build the shelves correctly.

(1) manual

(2) flyer

(3) workbook

(4) brochure

10) Sally \_\_\_\_\_ the answer into the teacher's ear as she was too shy to say it out loudly in class.

(1) cried

(2) shouted

(3) whispered

(4) moaned

11) These glasses are \_\_\_\_\_. Be careful when you wash them.

(1) frail

(2) fragile

(3) feeble

(4) flimsy

12) Elephants have become \_\_\_\_\_ because of illegal hunting. Its population has decreased drastically over the years.

(1) extinct

(2) destroyed

(3) endangered

(4) dangerous

13) All of the athletes trained very hard to win the \_\_\_\_\_ and did the school proud.

(1) friendship

(2) partnership

(3) championship

(4) sportsmanship

14) It took the firemen less than fifteen minutes to \_\_\_\_\_ the fire.

(1) put in

(2) put out

(3) put up

(4) put across

**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)



**East Zone Presents  
Clean and Play 2019**

1 November 2019  
East Coast Park (Car Park D)

The annual Clean and Play is back! This event is organised to encourage residents in the East Zone to do their part for the environment. The highlights of the event this year are the Beach Clean-Up and a carnival.

**Beach Clean-Up Details**

Time: 9 am and 4 pm  
Meeting Point: BBQ Pit Number 20  
Metal tongs and gloves will be provided.

**Redeem Shopping Vouchers!**

Come with your family to clean up the beach and you will be able to redeem shopping vouchers worth \$20.

For registration, please email Miss Ong at [ong@beachcleanup.sg](mailto:ong@beachcleanup.sg) by 25 October 2019. A free T-shirt and goodie bag will be given upon registration. Limited to the first 50 participants. Visit National Environment Council website at <https://www.nec.gov.sg/> or call hotline 62551234 to find out more.

**Carnival Highlights**

**Purchase of Carnival Coupons**

Coupons will be on sale for children's rides as well as food and game stalls. Each booklet is priced at \$10. Purchase three booklets and get one free!

**Flea Market**

A wide range of eco-friendly items will be on sale. Enjoy discounts when you purchase \$30 worth of items from the booths.

**Make Your Own Recycled Product**

Learn from the experts on how to make something useful using recycled materials.

\* Recycled materials will be provided!

Organised by:  
National Environment Council



Sponsored by:  
Outlook Recycling Pte Ltd



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15) The main purpose of the Clean and Play event is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) promote the Flea Market only
- (2) inform people about the carnival highlights
- (3) encourage the residents to spend time together
- (4) encourage residents to do their part for the environment

16) The organiser of the event is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) ABC Bank
- (2) East Zone
- (3) Outlook Recycling Pte Ltd
- (4) National Environment Council

17) People can buy carnival coupons to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) get a free T-shirt and goodie bag
- (2) enjoy discounts at the flea market
- (3) buy food and play at the game stalls
- (4) participate in a hands-on workshop to make a recycled product

18) Participants for the 'Beach Clean-Up' will need to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) wear the free t-shirt
- (2) call Miss Ong at 62551234
- (3) register for the event by visiting the NEC website
- (4) gather at BBQ Pit number 20 before the start of the event

19) Based on the flyer, which one of the following statements is true?

- (1) The "Beach Clean-Up" will be held on 25 October 2019.
- (2) Shopping vouchers worth \$30 will be given to every family.
- (3) Metal tongs and gloves are provided during the beach clean-up.
- (4) Participants will need to purchase four carnival booklets to get a free booklet.

**End of Booklet A**



**ROSYTH SCHOOL**  
**END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION 2019**  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2**  
**PRIMARY 4**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**BOOKLET B**

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 30 questions (Questions 20 to 49).
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	
	41-49	

\*This paper consists of 7 pages altogether (including the cover page)

**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) he	(B) her	(C) it
(D) them	(E) they	(F) us

John and Karl wanted to try rock climbing. However, Tim refused to join (20) \_\_\_\_\_ as he was afraid. John and Karl decided that (21) \_\_\_\_\_ would still ask Tim to go along. Tim watched as his friends made their way up the wall and (22) \_\_\_\_\_ saw how much fun they were having. Tim soon realised that rock climbing was a safe sport. He decided to give (23) \_\_\_\_\_ a try after much persuasion from his friends.

Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets. (4 x 1 mark)

Sue and Marie are going to the Bicentennial Museum for their learning journey. Both girls (24) [ has / have ] been talking enthusiastically about the trip. Their learning journey (25) [ is / are ] in a week's time. They (26) [ hopes / hope ] to learn more about the pioneers of Singapore during their trip. Marie is excited about the interactive boards and (27) [ looks / look ] forward to trying them out. It will be fun going to the museum with their friends.



### 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) recipe

(B) ingredients

(C) equipment

(D) dissolved

(E) programme

(F) sprinkled

Last week, Jane baked a chocolate cake for her best friend. Before she started baking, she made sure that she had all the necessary (28) \_\_\_\_\_ such as flour, eggs and sugar. As she had never baked a chocolate cake before, she followed the (29) \_\_\_\_\_ in the baking book closely. She did not want to make any mistakes. When the cake was ready, Jane (30) \_\_\_\_\_ some icing sugar on it to decorate it. She was happy that the cake turned out well.

### 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)

Lisa enjoys jogging with her father. They jog at the park every evening. Her

(31) \_\_\_\_\_

father often tell her that jogging regularly has many benefits. Sometimes, after an

(32) \_\_\_\_\_

exhausting day at school, Lisa does not feel like exsersizing. However, her father will always

(33) \_\_\_\_\_

remind her of the benefits of jogging but encourage her to go for their jog. She usually

feels more relaxed and energised after jogging.

**Section D: Comprehension Cloze (5 marks)**

Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (5 x 1 mark)

My family and I were just about to have our dinner when suddenly, the whole house shook. Books fell (34)\_\_\_\_\_ the shelves and photo frames came crashing to the ground. My children started screaming. My wife tried to (35)\_\_\_\_\_ them down.

I looked out of the window and saw a huge tower (36)\_\_\_\_\_ water coming our way. "Tsunami!" I cried as I grabbed my family and we ran quickly into the attic. We (37)\_\_\_\_\_ the sound of gushing water and the house started to shake again. We clung onto one (38)\_\_\_\_\_ in fear. All of a sudden, one side of the house fell down and we were exposed to the raging waters. We panicked and began to cry.

*Adapted from <https://shortstoriesshort.com/story/my-life-in-the-tsunami/>*

**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) You need to hurry. You do not want to miss the school bus.

\_\_\_\_\_ if  
\_\_\_\_\_

(40) Peter does not like swimming. The twins also do not like swimming.

Neither \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



## Section F: Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Two brothers, Tyler and Kean, lived near a forest. They were woodcutters and sold firewood for a living. Tyler was always mean to Kean. He would eat most of the food and steal Kean's belongings. Kean respected Tyler as his elder brother. Therefore, he did not get upset whenever Tyler was mean to him.

One morning, Tyler went into the forest to look for firewood. He came upon 5  
a magical tree. The tree said to him, "Please don't cut my branches. If you spare me, I will reward you with delicious apples." Tyler thought for a while and agreed not to cut them. A bag magically appeared. He opened it but was disappointed to see only a few apples.

Filled with greed and anger, he threatened to cut down the tree if it did not 10  
give him more apples. Suddenly, many needles grew out of the branches and dropped on Tyler. He fell to the ground, crying in pain from the needles on his body.

As the sun set, Kean grew worried and searched for Tyler. After a long search, he finally found Tyler. Kean quickly removed the needles from Tyler's body carefully. Tyler apologised to Kean for mistreating him and promised to treat him 15  
better in future. The tree saw the change in Tyler and gave them as many apples as they wanted.

*Adapted from <https://parenting.firstcry.com/articles/top-15-short-moral-stories-for-kids/>*

(41) Why was Kean not upset even though Tyler was mean to him? [1m]

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(42) Tick ✓ the correct answer.

Tyler did not cut the tree's branches because he \_\_\_\_\_. [1m]

<input type="checkbox"/>	thought the tree would give him many apples
<input type="checkbox"/>	wanted to bring all the apples home to share with Kean
<input type="checkbox"/>	felt hungry and wanted to eat the delicious apples on the tree

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

Tyler was filled with <u>greed</u> and <u>anger</u> .	
(A)	(B)

(44) In the last paragraph, list two actions Kean did to show that he cared for Tyler. [2m]

(i) \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) \_\_\_\_\_

(45) Write 1, 2 or 3 in the blanks to show the correct order of events in the story. [1m]

\_\_\_\_\_ Many needles dropped on Tyler.

\_\_\_\_\_ Tyler apologised to Kean.

\_\_\_\_\_ Tyler found a magical tree.

For Questions 46 – 47, what does each word refer to? [2m]

The first example has been done for you.

	Words	Refers to
<b>Example</b>	'They' (line 1)	<i>Tyler and Kean</i>
(46)	'them' (line 8)	
(47)	'it' (line 10)	

For Questions 48 – 49, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". [2m]

The first example has been done for you.

	Statement	True	False
<b>Example</b>	<i>Tyler did not treat his younger brother, Kean, well at the beginning of the story.</i>	✓	
(48)	Tyler wanted to cut the branches of the magical tree to collect its apples.		
(49)	The tree gave the brothers as many apples as they wanted because Kean helped Tyler.		

End of Booklet B

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## ANSWER KEY

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Q16	4	Q17	3	Q18	4	Q19	3		

Q20 D

Q21 E

Q22 A

Q23 C

Q24 have

Q25 is

Q26 hope

Q27 looks

Q28 B

Q29 A

Q30 F

Q31 tells

Q32 excersing

Q33 and

Q34 from

Q35 calm

Q36 of

Q37 heard

Q38 another

Q39 You need to hurry if you do not want to miss the school bus.

Q40 Neither Peter nor the twins like swimming.

Q41 Kean respected as his elder brother so he was not upset even though Tyler was mean to him.

Q42 thought the tree would give him many apples

Q43 anger

Q44 (i) Kean went to search for Tyler.

(ii) Kean remove the needles from Tyler's body.

Q45 2

3

1

Q46 the branches on the magical tree

Q47 the magical tree

Q48 False

Q49 False



Q45

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**SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL**  
**SECOND SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2019**  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**  
**PRIMARY FOUR**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (     )

Date: 21 October 2019

Class: Primary 4 SY / C / G / SE / P

**PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)**  
**BOOKLET A**

**Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 15 minutes**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
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: 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) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (6 marks)

- 1 The team captain shared a few words of \_\_\_\_\_ to motivate her teammates to press on in their training and reach for the best.
- (1) joy
  - (2) comfort
  - (3) gratitude
  - (4) encouragement
- 2 The boy was so \_\_\_\_\_ after his training that he polished off five bowls of rice.
- (1) famished
  - (2) energetic
  - (3) consumed
  - (4) exhausted
- 3 Jonathan is such a \_\_\_\_\_ person that he always gets up on his feet after any setback.
- (1) flexible
  - (2) resilient
  - (3) unrealistic
  - (4) pessimistic
- 4 After spending an enjoyable day at the zoo, the children went home \_\_\_\_\_, wishing they could stay on at the zoo for a longer time.
- (1) hastily
  - (2) gingerly
  - (3) reluctantly
  - (4) voluntarily



5 I \_\_\_\_\_ this book to anyone who has an interest in art. It is an excellent book on famous artists and their paintings.

- (1) return
- (2) release
- (3) recognise
- (4) recommend

6 When the little girl realised she was lost, she \_\_\_\_\_ and cried.

- (1) broke off
- (2) broke away
- (3) broke down
- (4) broke through

#### Section B: Grammar

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) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

7 Before Mrs Lee stepped out of the classroom, she instructed us to behave \_\_\_\_\_.

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

8 Last Saturday, Ben \_\_\_\_\_ reading a book at home when his friends surprised him for his birthday.

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

9 The siblings \_\_\_\_\_ extremely excited when their parents promised them a trip to Universal Studios.

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

10 "Are you looking for Mei Ting? She \_\_\_\_\_ a book in her room now," said Li Mei.

- (1) reads
- (2) has read
- (3) is reading
- (4) was reading

11 Yesterday, I \_\_\_\_\_ my homework before watching a movie with my sister.

- (1) complete
- (2) completed
- (3) am completing
- (4) was completing

12 "Would you like to wear \_\_\_\_\_ to the party?" Mother asked, holding up a beautiful blue dress.

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

13 The popular noodle stall always has \_\_\_\_\_ customers in the queue.

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

14 There is \_\_\_\_\_ water left. Could you refill the jug please?

- (1) few
- (2) little
- (3) much
- (4) a lot of

(Go on to Booklet B)

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PRIMARY FOUR**

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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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### 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) her

(B) it

(C) she

(D) them

(E) they

(F) we

In my boarding school, each of us had a small cubicle of our own. It had a study desk and a chest of drawers to store our belongings. At the beginning of the year, (15) \_\_\_\_\_ were allowed to decorate our own cubicles. You could tell which was mine instantly as (16) \_\_\_\_\_ was plain and brown while other cubicles were full of decorations. Cathy had a plant on her desk, and she also pinned up a poem that (17) \_\_\_\_\_ had written herself. Sophie had posters of movies she liked and many photographs pasted all over. I liked observing the cubicles as all of (18) \_\_\_\_\_ were different and unique, just like us.

*Adapted from So Much to Tell You by John Marsden*

Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets. (4 marks)

This year's National Day Parade funpacks may be red and white, but they are green at heart. In line with being eco-friendly, the packs (19) [ include / includes ] mainly reusable items. The bag also (20) [ feature / features ] a water-resistant lining and adjustable straps, allowing it to be carried in multiple ways. In an interview, the organisers said, "We (21) [ hope / hopes ] to bring this to the national platform and do our part for the environment." Those who (22) [ care / cares ] about the environment can certainly rejoice over this effort.

*Adapted from The Straits Times, 20 June 2019*



### Section D: Vocabulary Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given and fill in the blanks.  
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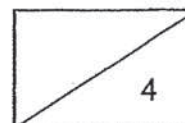
awe      afford      bother      devoted      devastated      recognition

Marie Curie, the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, had a humble beginning. As her parents were poor teachers who could not (23) \_\_\_\_\_ to send Marie and her sister to university, Marie had to work to support her sister. However, she never gave up on learning and read whenever she could.

Later, Marie married a well-known scientist and they (24) \_\_\_\_\_ their lives to scientific work. In 1903, Marie and her husband discovered radium, which could be used to treat cancer. In (25) \_\_\_\_\_ of their significant contribution to medical science, they were awarded the Nobel Prize.

Unfortunately, her husband died soon after. Marie was (26) \_\_\_\_\_ but she worked tirelessly on, receiving a second Nobel Prize two years later. In 1934, Marie passed away from leukaemia, a type of cancer. To this day, her discoveries continue to save many lives.

Source: Britannica





Section E: Sentence Combining

For each of the questions from 27 to 30, 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)

- 27 He was running late. He stopped to help the limping old lady up the bus.

\_\_\_\_\_ although  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 28 The lady is giving a speech. She is my teacher.

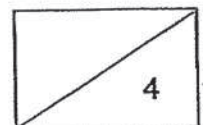
\_\_\_\_\_ who  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 29 Ravi was not there. Heema was also not there.

Neither \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 30 "I want to go to the playground!" Ann exclaimed.

Ann exclaimed \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



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Section F: Comprehension (Passage A)

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 31 to 38.

(10 marks)

On my first day as a secondary school student, I set a goal for myself. I wanted to improve my grammar so that I could teach my grandmother how to read and write in English. That same day, with that goal in mind, I returned to my primary school to look for Mrs Chandra. Upon reaching my primary school, I quickly prepared a card as I knew that her birthday was drawing near. Thankfully, Mrs Chandra agreed to help me.

5

Mrs Chandra was the one who coached me most of the time. On days when she was not around, she asked Miss Poh, a trainee teacher, to help. I apologised to Mrs Chandra for being too playful and inattentive during her lessons back then. Although my motivation to learn came late, Mrs Chandra commended me for my willingness to change.

10

Every day, after school, I would go home for lunch before leaving discreetly and heading to my primary school briskly. I did not want Grandma to find out. After months of coaching, I was finally ready. Mrs Chandra passed me books that contained short sentences and easy words to help Grandma learn with ease.

15

When I started teaching Grandma, she was impressed as I taught without referring to any materials. I smiled and said, "I have to thank Mrs Chandra and Miss Poh. They have taught me well."

*Adapted from See Spot Run: Teaching my Grandmother to Read by Ellen Frisina*

- 31 Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order of events that occurred in paragraph 1. [1m]

\_\_\_\_\_ The author made a card.

\_\_\_\_\_ The author set a goal for herself.

\_\_\_\_\_ The author returned to her primary school.

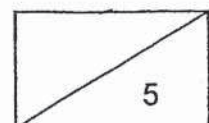
- 32 Which word has the same meaning as "carefully and quietly"? Circle (A) or (B). [1m]

Every day, after school, I would go home for lunch before leaving discreetly (A)  
and heading to my primary school briskly. (B)

For Q33-35, tick (✓) whether the statements describe Mrs Chandra or Miss Poh. Refer to paragraph 2 to help you. The first example has been done for you.

[3m]

	Statement	Mrs Chandra	Miss Poh
Example	She taught the author when the author was in primary school.	✓	
33	She was the author's main coach.		
34	She was learning to be a teacher.		
35	She praised the author.		



- 36 List **two** features that Mrs Chandra looked out for in her selection of books to be passed to the author in paragraph 3.

i. \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

ii. \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

- 37 Tick (✓) **two** adjectives that describe the author in the passage: [2m]

boastful

☐

careless

☐

determined

☐

filial

☐

timid

☐

- 38 Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

Based on paragraph 4, what is the **most** likely reason that the author did not need to refer to any materials when she was teaching her grandmother? [1m]

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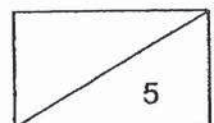
The author felt confident about her grammar knowledge.

☐

The books that Mrs Chandra passed the author were too simple.

☐

Mrs Chandra and Miss Poh told her not to use any materials to teach.





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**Section G: Comprehension (Passage B)**

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 39 to 46.

(10 marks)

Camels, also known as 'ships of the desert', go back millions of years. They are a mode of transport in the desert.

There are two kinds of camels. They are the Arabian and Bactrian species. Arabian camels have one hump and they are found in the Middle East and India. They are used for racing and riding. Bactrian camels have two humps and they are found in the Gobi Desert in Asia. Bactrians have short legs and long wool.

5

Camels have many ways of surviving in the desert despite the scarcity of food and water. A camel has a leathery mouth and tongue, which enable it to eat thorny desert plants. A camel can also drink a hundred litres of water within ten minutes and this allows it to live without taking in water for three or four days.

10

Camels have broad, padded toes which are insulated to avoid the sand's heat. The strong, flexible web of the toes also prevents them from sinking into the sand while travelling. Padding on their knees serves as support when they fall or lie down.

15

To protect their eyes from the blowing sand, camels have double rows of long, curled eyelashes. They can close their noses by contracting the circular muscle during sandstorms. Under the strong heat in the deserts, camels can sweat to remove heat. They are also able to tolerate higher dehydration levels as compared to other mammals so they can survive even though they lose water from sweating.

20

Camels are often the preferred mode of transport in the deserts due to their stability and their ability to provide milk for the passengers.

*Source: Oracle Education Foundation, Thinkquest*

39 Why are camels known as 'ships of the desert'?

[1m]

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40 What is one difference between the Arabian and Bactrian camels?

[1m]

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41 Why is a camel able to survive in the desert despite the lack of water?

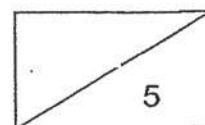
[2m]

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42 Which word in paragraph 5 has the same meaning as "water loss"?

[1m]



For Q43-45, read each statement and tick (✓) "True" or "False". The first example has been done for you. [3m]

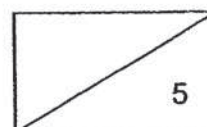
	Statement	True	False
Example	There are two kinds of camels: Arabian and Bactrian.	✓	
43	Camels have broad, padded toes to support them when they fall.		
44	Camels have double rows of long, curled eyelashes to protect their eyes from the blowing sand.		
45	Camels sweat to prevent themselves from being over-heated.		

46 List **two** reasons why people choose to ride on camels when travelling in the deserts

i. \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

ii. \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

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## BOOKLET A

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Q19. include

Q20. features

Q21. hope

Q22. care

Q23. afford

Q24. devoted

Q25. recognition

Q26. devastated

Q27. He stopped to help the limping old lady up the bus although he was running late.

Q28. The lady who is giving a speech is my teacher.

Q29. Neither Ravi nor Heema was not there.

Q30. Ann exclaimed that she wanted to go to the playground.

Q31. 3

1

2

Q32. (A)

Q33. Mrs Chandra

Q34. Miss Poh

Q35. Mrs Chandra

Q36. short sentences

easy words

Q37. determined

filial

Q38. The author felt confident about her grammar knowledge.



Q39. Camels are a mode of transport in the desert.

Q40. Arabian camels have one hump while the Bactrian camels have two humps.

Q41. Camels are able to tolerate higher dehydration levels and can survive even though they lose water from sweating.

Q42. dehydration

Q43. False

Q44. True

Q45. True

Q46.(i) Camels have stability.

(ii) Camels have the ability to provide milk for the passengers.

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Q46







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**PAPER 2**  
**BOOKLET A**

DATE: 25 October 2019

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(Booklets A and B)

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BOOKLET A		
SECTION	COMPONENT	TOTAL MARKS
A	Vocabulary	6
B	Grammar	8
	TOTAL MARKS	/14

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**Section A: Vocabulary (6 x 1 mark)**

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

1. When Jeremiah won the top prize, he was so \_\_\_\_\_ that he jumped for joy.  
  - (1) ecstatic
  - (2) bewildered
  - (3) nonchalant
  - (4) disappointed
  
2. "I enjoy science lessons as we can conduct experiments in the \_\_\_\_\_," Janice shared.  
  - (1) office
  - (2) theatre
  - (3) laboratory
  - (4) gymnasium
  
3. Diana likes to boast about her achievements. Her friends avoid her because of her \_\_\_\_\_ behaviour.  
  - (1) haughty
  - (2) amusing
  - (3) thoughtful
  - (4) irresponsible
  
4. The train was delayed due to track faults during the peak hour traffic, causing many \_\_\_\_\_ to be late for work.  
  - (1) onlookers
  - (2) spectators
  - (3) commuters
  - (4) pedestrians
  
5. After a long time, the boys finally \_\_\_\_\_ that they had accidentally broken the class window.  
  - (1) guessed
  - (2) remarked
  - (3) confessed
  - (4) suggested

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6. The crowd cheered wildly when they saw the fastest runner \_\_\_\_\_ towards the finish line.

- (1) sprinting
- (2) shuffling
- (3) scurrying
- (4) staggering

**Section B: Grammar (8 x 1 mark)**

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

7. "Please tidy the room by \_\_\_\_\_ as I am too busy to help you," Mother told the twins.

- (1) myself
- (2) yourself
- (3) ourselves
- (4) yourselves

8. While studying last night, John \_\_\_\_\_ distracted by the loud music coming from his sister's room.

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

9. My brother \_\_\_\_\_ soundly when the loud thunder woke him up.

- (1) sleeps
- (2) will sleep
- (3) has slept
- (4) was sleeping

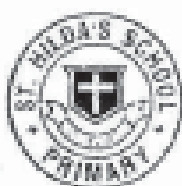
10. My family and I \_\_\_\_\_ in a cooking competition last June.

- (1) participate
- (2) participated
- (3) have participated
- (4) were participating

11. I decided not to have noodles for recess as there were too \_\_\_\_\_ people in the queue.
- (1) few
  - (2) little
  - (3) many
  - (4) much
12. \_\_\_\_\_ girl standing there outside the library is my best friend.
- (1) This
  - (2) That
  - (3) These
  - (4) Those
13. "Father can't come to the phone right now as he \_\_\_\_\_ his car," Jake informed his aunt.
- (1) washes
  - (2) washed
  - (3) is washing
  - (4) has washed
14. \_\_\_\_\_ of the water from the well has dried up because of the dry season.
- (1) Little
  - (2) None
  - (3) Much
  - (4) Many

(Go on to Booklet B)





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BOOKLET B		
SECTION	COMPONENT	TOTAL MARKS
C	Grammar Cloze	/8
D	Vocabulary Cloze	/4
E	Sentence Manipulation	/4
F	Comprehension 1	/10
G	Comprehension 2	/10
	TOTAL MARKS	/36

BOOKLET A	BOOKLET B	TOTAL MARKS OBTAINED
/14	/36	/50

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**Section C: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)**

**Passage 1:**

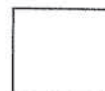
Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. **USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.**

- |         |          |        |
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| (A) her | (B) I    | (C) it |
| (D) she | (E) them | (F) we |

It was Kelly's tenth birthday. As Kelly got ready for the day, (15) \_\_\_\_\_ expected that the celebration would be a simple one, just like in previous years. Kelly's parents would usually prepare a home-cooked meal before presenting (16) \_\_\_\_\_ with a slice of cake and a gift. This year, however, was different.

"Kelly, (17) \_\_\_\_\_ have decided to organise a party for you!" her parents announced. They had invited many of her friends and prepared a feast. Kelly's mother had baked a huge birthday cake. At the end of the day, Kelly hugged her parents and said that (18) \_\_\_\_\_ was a birthday celebration that she would remember for a long time.

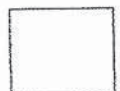
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**Passage 2:**

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

My siblings and I often visit the neighbourhood park on weekends. There (19) [is / are] many activities that we can do at the park. My older brother and I (20) [like / likes] to cycle along the track. My younger sister (21) [prefer / prefers] to use the equipment at the exercise corner. Before heading home, we usually (22) [stop / stopped] by one of the ponds in the park to look at the many fishes there.



**Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (4 x 1 mark)**

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

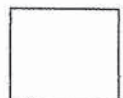
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| (A) waste  | (B) mishaps   | (C) supply  | (D) harmful  |
| (E) amount | (F) disasters | (G) consume | (H) positive |

According to a report from the United Nations, climate change has caused many negative effects. These effects have caused more natural (23) \_\_\_\_\_ such as droughts, floods and forest fires, contributing to the loss of animal and plant species.

All these problems have reduced the world's food (24) \_\_\_\_\_. It is now more difficult to produce food. Therefore, we should not (25) \_\_\_\_\_ food. By doing so, we will be able to reduce the (26) \_\_\_\_\_ effects of climate change on the environment.

*Adapted from "The Future Of Food?"; Time For Kids, August 8, 2019*

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**Section E: Sentence Manipulation (2 x 2 marks)**

For Questions 27 and 28, 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).

27. You will reach the train station. Walk along the narrow path.

If \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

28. Tom said, "My cousins will be going to the museum tomorrow."

Tom said \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_





**Section F: Comprehension (10 marks)**

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

I have fond memories of my childhood. My family and I lived in a neighbourhood 1  
called Lim Siang Park. It consisted of rows of shophouses and terrace houses that  
surrounded a big field.

Every evening, my neighbourhood friends and I would meet in front of the  
shophouse where I lived. We would then head for the field where we played all kinds of 5  
games including catching, football and hopscotch. Everyone got along. **It did not matter  
to us whether we were Chinese, Malay or Indian.** I nicknamed the group the 'Lim Siang  
Park Kids'. Nothing could break our friendship.

We were an adventurous and energetic bunch. We climbed trees and swung from  
branch to branch like monkeys. We plucked guavas from the guava tree that belonged to 10  
a grumpy old man and ran gleefully away when he chased us, knowing full well he could  
never catch us.

We even had a secret hiding place which we discovered quite accidentally. We  
were looking for a pet dog that belonged to one of our friends which had strayed away  
when suddenly, we stumbled upon an abandoned hut just outside of the neighbourhood. 15  
Thankfully, we found the dog in the hut. As we stood in the tiny hut, we realised it would  
make a terrific club house. We soon turned it into our cosy hiding place.

*Adapted from "Complete Practice Book for Grammar, Vocabulary & Comprehension", 2008*



29. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

The author and his family lived in a \_\_\_\_\_ in Lim Siang Park. [1m]

<input type="checkbox"/>	hut
<input type="checkbox"/>	shophouse
<input type="checkbox"/>	terrace house

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

We were an <u>adventurous</u> and <u>energetic</u> bunch.	
(A)	(B)

31. Name two games the author and his friends liked to play at the field. [2m]

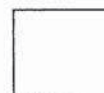
i. \_\_\_\_\_

ii. \_\_\_\_\_

For each of the questions 32 to 33, decide who did the following actions. Put a tick ✓ in the box for your answer. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Actions		Author	Author and his friends
Example	Swung from branches of trees (lines 9-10)		✓
32	Came up with the nickname, 'Lim Siang Park Kids' (lines 7-8)		
33	Plucked guavas (line 10)		

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For each of the questions 34 to 36, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". An example is shown below. [3m]

	Statement	True	False
<b>Example</b>	The old man managed to catch the author and his friends when they plucked guavas from his guava tree.		✓
34	The author and his friends followed the dog to the hut.		
35	The author and his friends turned the hut into a cosy club house that was their hiding place.		
36	The hut was located within Lim Siang Park.		

37. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

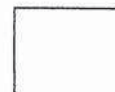
The sentence, "It did not matter to us whether we were Chinese, Malay or Indian." (lines 6-7), suggests that the author and his friends \_\_\_\_\_. [1m]

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were not aware of one another's race

did not know the meaning of the word "race"

were not affected by the differences in their race



**Section G: Comprehension Open-Ended (10 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

There was once a businessman named Mandu. He wanted to be rich and never 1  
hesitated to cheat others in order to make more money. However, one day, he learnt a  
hard lesson.

A small bag that belonged to Mandu went missing. The bag contained fifty gold 5  
coins. Mandu and his workers searched high and low for it, but to no avail. After a few  
days, the young daughter of one of Mandu's workers found the bag. She told her father  
about it. Her father identified the bag as the one that was missing and immediately alerted  
his master.

He gave the bag to Mandu and asked him to check whether it held fifty gold coins. 10  
Mandu was elated but he decided to play a wicked trick. He shouted at his worker, "There  
were eighty gold coins in this bag but you gave me only fifty! Where are the other thirty  
coins? You must have stolen them!" The worker was shocked and desperately pleaded  
his innocence. However, Mandu was determined to take the issue to the local judge.

The judge questioned the daughter and the worker about the number of gold 15  
coins they had found in the bag. They assured him that they had found only fifty coins.  
The judge then questioned Mandu, "Are you sure that your bag had eighty gold coins?"  
Mandu nodded vigorously. The judge soon made his final decision.

"Since Mandu lost a bag of eighty gold coins and the bag found by the girl had 20  
only fifty coins, it is clear that the bag that was found does not belong to Mandu. I therefore  
order the girl and her father to take those fifty coins as a reward for their honesty!"  
declared the judge, grinning from ear to ear.

*Adapted from <https://www.kidsworldfun.com/shortstories>*



Answer the following questions. Write your answers in the space provided.

38. Who found Mandu's missing bag of gold coins? [1m]

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39. Which word in paragraph 3 tells you that Mandu was very glad that his gold coins were found? [1m]

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

\_\_\_\_\_ The judge questioned the worker and his daughter.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mandu accused the worker of stealing his money.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mandu learnt a hard lesson.

41. Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

Statement	True / False	Reason
There were eighty gold coins in the bag when it went missing.		
The worker did not steal Mandu's money.		
Mandu accepted it when his worker said he was innocent.		

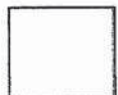
42. Based on the judge's final decision in paragraph 5, complete the table below. [2m]

Characters	Feeling	Reason
Mandu	Regretful	
Worker and his daughter		They were found to be innocent and received fifty gold coins as a reward for their honesty.

43. Use one word to describe Mandu's character. Provide a reason for your choice of the word based on the story. [2m]

One word to describe Mandu's character	Reason

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2, 2019  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2

PRIMARY 4  
ANSWER KEY

BOOKLET A

Section A: Vocabulary

No.	Ans
1	1
2	3
3	1
4	3
5	3
6	1

Section B: Grammar (8 x 1 mark)

No.	Ans
7	4
8	3
9	4
10	2
11	3
12	2
13	3
14	3

Section C: Grammar Cloze

Passage 1

15. D  
16. A  
17. F  
18. C

Passage 2

19. are  
20. like  
21. prefers  
22. stop

Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (4 x 1 mark)

23. F  
24. C  
25. A  
26. D

### Section E: Sentence Manipulation

27. If you walk along the narrow path, you will reach the train station.
28. Tom said (that) **his/her** cousins **would** be going to the museum the **following / next** day.

### Section F: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

29. shophouse [1m]
30. (A) adventurous [1m]

31. Either two of the following answers:

- (i) catching [1m]  
(ii) football [1m]  
(iii) hopscotch [1m]

	Actions	Author	Author and his friends
Q32	Came up with the nickname, 'Lim Siang Park Kids' (line 7-8)	✓	
Q33	Plucked guavas (line 10)		✓

	Statement	True	False
Q34	The author and his friends followed the dog to the hut.		✓
Q35	The author and his friends turned the hut into a cosy club house that was their hiding place.	✓	
Q36	The hut was located within Lim Siang Park.		✓

37. were not affected by the differences in their race

### Section G: Comprehension Open-Ended

38.	The daughter of one of Mandu's workers found it. (1m)
39.	elated
40.	2 – 1 – 3

41.

Statement	T/F	Reason
a) There were eighty gold coins in the bag when it went missing.	False	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There were only fifty coins in the bag when it went missing.</li> </ul>
b) The worker did not steal Mandu's money.	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mandu lied and said that the worker stole his money.</li> </ul>
c) Mandu accepted it when his worker said he was innocent.	False	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>He was determined/wanted to take the issue up to the local judge.</li> </ul>

42.

**Reason**

Any of the following points (1m):

- (i) He lost his money/bag of fifty coins **for the second time.**
- (ii) He lost his money/bag of fifty coins **to the worker** (and his daughter).
- (iii) He could **never/not recover** his money/bag of fifty coins.

**Feeling**

Any of the following points (1m):

- (i) Relieved
- (ii) Glad / Happy / Ecstatic / Elated
- (iii) Thankful / Grateful

43.

**Ans 1 (any one of the following):****Trait:** Mean/Evil/Wicked/Nasty**Reason (any one of the following):**

- He wrongly/falsely accused the worker of stealing his money.
- He wanted to cheat the worker into giving him thirty more coins.
- He never hesitated to cheat others to make more money.

**Ans 2 (any one of the following):****Trait:** Dishonest/Untruthful**Reason (any one of the following):**

- He lied that there were eighty coins in his bag when there were only fifty coins.
- He wanted to cheat the worker into giving him thirty more coins.
- He never hesitated to cheat others to make more money.

**Ans 3****Trait:** Greedy**Reason:**

- He wanted to cheat the worker into giving him thirty more coins.

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## 2019 PRIMARY 4 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (     )     Date: 21 October 2019

Class: Primary 4 (     )     Time: 10.00 - 11.15 a.m.

Duration: 1 hour 15 minutes

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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 39, write your answers in this booklet.

Section A & B	/ 14
Section C to G	/ 36
Total Score	/ 50

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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. The man had to pay a \_\_\_\_\_ as he was caught littering.  
(1) bill  
(2) fee  
(3) fine  
(4) debt
2. During the prize-presentation ceremony, the winners \_\_\_\_\_ their medals from the guest of honour.  
(1) took  
(2) picked  
(3) received  
(4) gathered
3. "Stop eating those \_\_\_\_\_ potato chips. You are making too much noise in the cinema!" complained my mother.  
(1) soggy  
(2) greasy  
(3) crunchy  
(4) crumbly

4. As John stepped into the bakery, he could smell the \_\_\_\_\_ of his favourite pastry.

(1) fumes

(2) odour

(3) aroma

(4) flavour

5. After waiting in anticipation, the students were \_\_\_\_\_ to see a turtle laying eggs at the beach.

(1) shocked

(2) amazed

(3) annoyed

(4) touched

6. The \_\_\_\_\_ salesman managed to convince my mother to buy the most expensive vacuum cleaner.

(1) lively

(2) talkative

(3) interesting

(4) persuasive

## 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. Mrs Lim told her children to share the food among \_\_\_\_\_.

(1) herself

(2) yourself

(3) ourselves

(4) themselves

8. I \_\_\_\_\_ so nervous when I performed in front of the audience.

(1) is

(2) are

(3) was

(4) were

9. "Fasten your seat belts now. The bus \_\_\_\_\_ soon," Mrs Rani told her students.

(1) left

(2) leaves

(3) has left

(4) is leaving

10. Yesterday, the students \_\_\_\_\_ on a learning journey after they had their lunch.

(1) go

(2) went

(3) have gone

(4) were going

11. While everyone \_\_\_\_\_ the National Anthem at the Parade Square, the music stopped suddenly.

(1) sings

(2) will sing

(3) has sung

(4) was singing

12. \_\_\_\_\_ loaf of bread here is for making sandwiches.

(1) This

(2) That

(3) These

(4) Those

13. The owner of this car is my neighbour who lives only \_\_\_\_\_ houses away.

(1) many

(2) some

(3) a few

(4) a lot of

14. Mr Tan is moving to a smaller house so he has to give away \_\_\_\_\_ furniture.

(1) any

(2) some

(3) a few

(4) many

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## Section C (10 m)

### Comprehension

Read the passage below and answer questions 15 to 22 based on the passage.

It was almost midnight when I set off into the forest on Pulau Ubin. A mist covered the area as I joined a local durian-picking group to harvest the fruit.

Thorny bushes scratched my limbs as I followed the group leader deeper into the forest. To ward off mosquitoes, I had sprayed some insect repellent on my clothes. I carried a powerful torch to light my way and wore a helmet to protect my head from any falling fruit. 5

Suddenly, the group leader stopped and asked us if we had heard a durian fall. I had not. I was more worried about losing my footing on the ground and trying to prevent myself from stamping on the army of ants crawling on my shoes. 10

Shining a torch, the group leader found a fallen durian. "Squirrels have eaten it as they know how to pick the best ones," he explained. Just then, we noticed the area was littered with rubbish. Plastic bottles and styrofoam boxes had been left behind by people who had camped overnight to wait for the durians to fall. 15

Finally, I heard the thumping sound of a durian landing on the ground. We shone our torches around eagerly and searched thoroughly but could not find it. Sadly, we had to leave the forest empty-handed.

*Adapted from The Straits Times*

15. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

The author was in the forest to \_\_\_\_\_ . (1m)

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pick durians

enjoy the mist

clear the litter

16. In paragraph 2, what three things did the author do to make her trip safe? (3m)

i. \_\_\_\_\_ (1m)

ii. \_\_\_\_\_ (1m)

iii. \_\_\_\_\_ (1m)

17. In paragraph 3, which three-word phrase tells you that the author found it difficult to walk without falling? (1m)

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18. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the boxes below to indicate the order in which the events took place in the story. (1m)

	The author saw a durian on the ground.
	The author heard a durian fall onto the ground.
	The author met up with a group of people to look for durians.

For Q19 - 21, read each sentence and tick ✓ "True" or "False". Refer to paragraphs 2 to 4 to help you. The first example has been done for you. (3m)

Statement		True	False
Example	The author was looking for durians.	✓	
19.	The author's hands and legs had scratches.		
20.	The author <sup>prevent</sup> killed the ants that were crawling on her shoes.		
21.	The author's group littered in the forest.		

22. Which word has the same meaning as 'carefully'?

Circle either (A) or (B). (1m)

We shone our torches around <u>eagerly</u> and searched <u>thoroughly</u> but could not find it.		
	(A)	(B)



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) he

(B) her

(C) I

(D) it

(E) me

(F) us

The supermarket was crowded. Mother had wanted my brother and (23) \_\_\_\_\_ to help her buy some groceries. I asked my brother to get the items that were out of my reach as (24) \_\_\_\_\_ was much taller. Then, we put all the groceries into the trolley and pushed (25) \_\_\_\_\_ to the cashier to pay for our purchases. When we reached home, Mother thanked (26) \_\_\_\_\_. We were happy to have helped her.

## Section E (4 x 1m)

### Grammar Cloze

Read the passage carefully. There are 4 questions, numbered 27 to 30, in the passage below. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

There is a community garden in my neighbourhood. My neighbour, Mr Tan, (27) [ enjoy / enjoys ] looking after the fruit trees and vegetables. His children also (28) [ go / goes ] there regularly. They (29) [ help / helps ] to remind others not to pluck the fruits and vegetables before they ripen. In the evening, the garden (30) [ is / are ] quite crowded as many residents go there to relax. Community gardens encourage more interaction amongst its residents.

*Adapted from The Straits Times*

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. The pasta sauce was really spicy. I drank many glasses of water.

As \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

32. Mr Lim's car has broken down. Mr Lim bought the car last year.

\_\_\_\_\_ which  
\_\_\_\_\_

33. Lisa did not bake the cake. Lisa did not bake the muffins.

\_\_\_\_\_ neither \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_

34. "Did you return my library book?" Ben asked his sister.

Ben asked his sister \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



## Section G (5 x 2m)

### Comprehension Open

Read the passage below and answer questions 35 to 39.

Mr and Mrs Smith and their ten-year-old daughter, Mary, lived in Malacca. One night, after dinner, Mr Smith announced that he was going to have to stop being a teacher for a while. He had heard that the Japanese were attacking Singapore and wanted to go there to join the British army to strengthen the defence. Concerned about his safety, Mary 5 cried and clung to her father as he bade her farewell the next day.

Life was not the same for Mary after **that**. When Mary came home from school, her mother no longer sang songs and played games with her. Mary knew that something was wrong, but was too scared to ask because her mother always looked sad and anxious. 10

One day, Mrs Smith received a letter from Mary's father. He wanted them to leave for Singapore immediately as it was no longer safe to stay in Malacca with the war approaching. At once, Mrs Smith packed a few belongings into a small bag. Mary grabbed a change of clothes and her favourite teddy bear. 15

Late that night, Mary and her mother were ushered into a large army truck. Even in the darkness, Mary could see that it was full of mothers and their young children. Unlike the other children who looked sleepy and were snuggling up to their mothers, Mary was wide awake. "I can't wait to reunite with Father!" she thought excitedly. 20

As the truck drove away, Mary did not even turn to look at her house where she had lived for the last ten years. Little did she know that she was never going to return to Malacca again.

*Adapted from Voices Under the Rising Sun*

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

35. What was Mr Smith's occupation?

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36. What does 'that' in line 7 refer to?

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37. In paragraph 2, describe how Mrs Smith used to spend time with Mary.

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38. Why did Mary and her mother have to leave their home hurriedly?

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39. In paragraph 4, why was Mary unable to fall asleep?

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# ANSWER KEY

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## PAPER 2

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

Q15 pick durians

- Q16 i. The author sprayed some insect repellent on her clothes.  
 ii. The author carried a powerful torch to light her way,  
 iii. The author wore a helmet to protect her head from any falling fruit.

Q17 losing my footing.

Q18

2	The author saw a durian on the ground.
3	The author heard a durian fall onto the ground.
1	The author met

Q19 True ✓

Q20 False ✓

Q21 False ✓

Q22 B (thoroughly)

Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26
E	A	D	F
Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
enjoys	go	help	is

Q31 As the pasta sauce was really spicy, I drank many glasses of water.

Q32 The car, which Mr Lim bought last year has broken down.

Q33 Lisa baked neither the cake nor the muffins.

Q34 Ben asked his sister if she had returned library book.

Q35 Mr. Smith was a teacher.

Q36 It refers to Mr Smith going to Singapore to join the British army to strengthen the defence.

Q37 Mrs Smith used to sing songs and play games with Mary.

Q38 Malacca was no longer safe to stay in with the war approaching.

Q39 Mary could not wait to reunite with Mr Smith.

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