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Anglo-Chinese School (Primary)

MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2012
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)
PRIMARY FOUR

Name: _____( ) Class: Primary 4 ___

Date: 3 May 2012 Duration of paper: 1h 15 min

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Section A: Vocabulary (6 x 1 mark each = 6 marks)

For each question from 1 to 6, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. The security guard _____ the area at night to check for trespassers.

   (1) patrols
   (2) searches
   (3) examines
   (4) scrutinises

2. I write about my personal experiences in my _____ daily.

   (1) journal
   (2) register
   (3) directory
   (4) organiser

3. Due to the northeast monsoon, it usually _____ in December, making it one of the wettest months in Singapore.

   (1) pours
   (2) drizzles
   (3) showers
   (4) thunders

4. Andre's jokes were so _____ that we could not stop laughing.

   (1) exciting
   (2) hilarious
   (3) comforting
   (4) mesmerising

5. The members of the school choir go through an _____ before they are selected for the competition.

   (1) audition
   (2) election
   (3) allocation
   (4) investigation

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6. The participants were nervous and waited _____ for the compere to announce the winner of Project Superstar.

(1) noisily
(2) anxiously
(3) graciously
(4) nonchalantly

Section B: Grammar (8 x 1 mark each = 8 marks)

For each question from 7 to 14, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

7. After much discussion, John and I decided to solve the problem _____.

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

8. While watching their favourite television programme last night, Mary and her friend _____ surprised when they heard a loud noise outside the chalet.

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

9. There were only _____ people in the queue because the stall was closing soon.

(1) little
(2) many
(3) a few
(4) a lot of

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10. "Please switch off the radio set. I _____ to my friend at the moment," I told my cousin.

(1) talk
(2) talked
(3) am talking
(4) have talked

11. Yesterday, I _____ a birthday gift to my grandmother who will turn seventy next week.

(1) present
(2) presented
(3) was presenting
(4) have presented

12. _____ two men over there in the canteen were questioned by the security guard.

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

13. While my brother _____ the Internet, the light in his room went off.

(1) surf
(2) will surf
(3) has surfed
(4) was surfing

14. As David was out the whole day, he had _____ time to do his homework.

(1) little
(2) some
(3) much
(4) a lot of

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Section C: Comprehension MCQ (5 X 2 marks each = 10 marks)

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

Many people who like to read detective stories have heard of Sherlock Holmes but not Sir Arthur Conan Doyle because he was the writer behind all the exploits of Sherlock Holmes. Doyle named Sherlock Holmes after an American author. Doyle was born in Scotland in 1859. He was the son of an artist.

When he was in school, Doyle was quite rebellious and did not relish the thought of attending school. Often, he made excuses to skip school However, he enjoyed reading adventure stories as much as he liked telling them. Consequently, he was popular as a storyteller among his peers. He studied medicine when he was in the university. After his graduation, he worked as a doctor in various places. Then two years after his marriage, his first Sherlock Holmes story was published. Sherlock Holmes was modelled on Doyle's professor in the university who was very good at judging a person's occupation and character by his appearance. The other main character in the Sherlock Holmes story, Dr Watson, had a similar personality to Doyle himself.

Several years later, Doyle gave up practising medicine so that he could concentrate on his writing. Besides writing detective stories, Doyle also wrote historic novels.

Adapted from *"The Author of Sherlock Holmes"*

15. Sherlock Holmes was _____.

(1) the son of an artist
(2) an American author
(3) a character created by Doyle
(4) a famous detective who lived in Scotland

16. As a school boy, Doyle _____.

(1) loved telling stories
(2) wrote adventure stories
(3) displayed a talent for writing
(4) enjoyed reading historic stories

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17. As a boy, Doyle was quite rebellious because _____.

(1) he disliked going to school
(2) his father forced him to read
(3) he did not like being an artist
(4) his friends made him tell stories

18. Dr Watson was _____.

(1) a good judge of character
(2) Doyle's professor at the university
(3) created to closely resemble Doyle himself
(4) a minor character in the Sherlock Holmes story

19. According to the passage, Doyle eventually _____.

(1) became a professor
(2) changed his profession
(3) wrote only detective stories
(4) became a judge of storybook characters

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Paper	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained
1. Composition	20	
2. Language Use & Comprehension	50	
2.1 OAS (Booklet A)	24	
2.2 Grammar Cloze	8	
2.3 Synthesis and Transformation	4	
2.4 Comprehension Cloze	4	
2.5 Comprehension	10	
3. Listening Comprehension	14	
4. Oral Communication	16	
Total	100	

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

Passage A

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

Last Thursday was Ron's birthday party. Mary and (20) _____ were invited to attend the party. While Mary told (21)_____ that she would make it to the party, I did not reply to him immediately. I just said that I was glad he had extended an invitation to (22)_____ too. Ron'also invited his neighbours. Most of (23)_____ indicated that they would attend the party.

Passage B

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

Swimming is a popular sport in Singapore. Swimming is a lifetime sport that _____ (24) [benefit / <u>benefits</u>] the whole person. Most of the students in Anglo-Chinese School (Primary) _____ (25) [like / likes] swimming. Every pupil in the school _____ (26) [attend / <u>attends</u>] swimming lessons during Physical Education periods. Besides swimming, pupils are also given opportunities to learn kayaking. Pupils who can swim well _____ (27) [take / <u>takes</u>] part in a few national swimming competitions.

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Section E: Synthesis and Transformation (2 x 2 mark each = 4 marks)

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

28. I am interested in cycling. I have joined the cycling club.

_____ as

_____

29. John does not like spicy food. His brother also does not like spicy food.

Neither_____ nor

_____

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Section F: Comprehension Cloze (4 x 1 mark each = 4 marks)

For questions 30 to 33, fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Something horrifying happened in India. A pregnant woman suffered serious (30) _____ after being attacked by a leopard in India. The leopard also mauled a 20-year-old man (31) _____ it strayed into the largest city in India. The animal (32) _____ panic when it wandered into a densely populated residential area. Her husband who witnessed the attack said, "I started to scream. I couldn't (33) _____ my eyes." The animal was later tranquilised by government officials and taken to the zoo.

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Section G: Comprehension (5 x 2 marks each = 10 marks)
Read the passage below and answer questions 34 to 38.

ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

For the whole month of January, Mr Mohammad Shariff Abdullah was climbing up and down the structures at the playground near his home. He was training for the Urbanathlon competition the following month. He said that training at the playground was the best way to get prepared for the obstacle course during the competition and it was also close to his house. 5

Mr Shariff, who was born without a right leg, competes by wearing a prosthetic one which is shaped like a blade. He was one of the two disabled competitiors taking part in this year's competition, a race which required competitors to cover a 14-kilometre course with nine obstacles, such as monkey bars and cargo nets. 10

He said he wished to send a message to people, both disabled and able-bodied. "I realised that I could use this opportunity to send out a message to people out there, that they should never give up and believe in themselves despite the setbacks they face in life. "

Despite being fitted with a prosthetic leg since he was six, Mr Shariff has participated actively in sports and body-building. He even appealed to be allowed to serve National Service. 15

However, life took a turn for the worse in August 2008, when he began to feel a sharp pain in his stump. His right leg had to be amputated a further 13 centimetres. This was one of the lowest points in his life. 20

"I was so down that I even thought of giving up. However, I came across a YouTube video featuring South African Paralympic runner Oscar Pistorius. It simply amazed me that someone with no legs could run like that."

Inspired, Mr Shariff went on to compete in a number of races. The most recent was the Standard Chartered Marathon. 25

Adapted from *The New Paper*, 12 January 2012

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34. Why was Mr Shariff climbing the structures at the playground near his home?

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35. How does Mr Shariff overcome his physical disability?

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36. Which sentence in the passage tells you that Mr Shariff was not required to serve National Service?

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37. What does "**This**" in line 20 refer to?

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38. How would you describe Mr Shariff?

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2012

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TERM : SA1

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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23
3	2	I	B	A	D

24)benefits 25)like 26)attends 27)take

28)I have joined the cycling club as I am interested in cycling.

29)Neither John nor his brother likes spicy food.

30)injuries 31)as 32)created 33)open

34)He was training for the 14-kilometer course with nine obstacles, such as monkey bars and cargo nets.

35)He wear's a prosthetic leg which is shaped like a blade.

36)The sentence is "He even appealed to be allowed to serve National Service." Tells me that Mr Shariff was not required to serve National Service.

37)It refers to his right leg being amputated a further 13 centimetres.

38)Mr Shariff is a determined man who never giver up and preserve in everything he does.

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