

Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)



SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 - 2018

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY 4

Name : _____ ()

Class : P 4 . ()

Date : 8 May 2018

BOOKLET A

15 Questions

15 Marks

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 1 Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.
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This paper consists of 4 printed pages (inclusive of cover page)

Part 1: Vocabulary (6 marks)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part 2: Grammar (8 marks)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11. "You have been studying hard for your test, _____ you?" Miss Tan asked John.
- (1) did
 - (2) have
 - (3) didn't
 - (4) haven't
12. Martin, _____ dog was hurt in the accident, had been crying for days.
- (1) who
 - (2) which
 - (3) whom
 - (4) whose
13. Both Bill and Bob _____ given the Most Improved Pupil Award last week.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
14. "Children, please behave _____ during our excursion to the National Gallery later today," instructed the teacher.
- (1) yourself
 - (2) ourselves
 - (3) yourselves
 - (4) themselves

Part 3: Punctuation (1 mark)

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

15. "Have you been revising your work, John []" asked Mother.
- (1) [,] comma
 - (2) [.] full stop
 - (3) [?] question mark
 - (4) [!] exclamation mark

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Parent's Signature

BOOKLET B

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

This paper consists of 10 printed pages (inclusive of cover page)

Grammar Cloze 1 (4 marks)

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

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

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

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

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

Adapted from 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes

Grammar Cloze 2 (4 marks)

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

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

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

Adapted from National Geographic Kids

Editing for Spelling and Grammar (3 marks)

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

Recipe for Ice Lollies

Ingredients

2 bananas

65g butter

60ml coconut milk

(24)

2 tablespoon **chokolate** powder.

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Method

1. Put all ingredients in a food processor.

(25)

2. Blend the ingredients till the mixture are **smooth**.

3. Pour the mixture into the ice block moulds.

(26)

4. Adds one stick to each **mould**.

5. Freeze the mixture.

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

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

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

_____ after

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

_____ in order to

Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

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

Tess went to her bedroom, emptied her savings from her piggy bank, 5
and walked swiftly to the pharmacy across the street.

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

"I need a miracle that will save my brother," Tess answered, "he is very sick and my parents say only a miracle can save him. So, how much does a miracle cost?" "We don't sell miracles here, little girl. I'm sorry," the pharmacist 10
replied sadly.

A well-dressed man, who had overheard this, asked Tess, "How much are you willing to pay for this miracle, little girl?" Tess looked down at her hands, which contained only one dollar and eleven cents. "Well, what a coincidence," the man answered, "that is the exact price of a miracle for little brothers. Take me to 15
see your family. I might have the kind of miracle you need."

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

"I wonder how much the surgery would have cost us," Tess heard her 20
mother say to her father that day.

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

Adapted from The Price of a Miracle

WRITE YOUR ANSWERS IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

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

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

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

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

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

Comprehension 2 (10 marks)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Adapted from Hummingbird Facts

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

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

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

They move their wings so <u>rapidly</u> that they can <u>hover</u> .	
(A)	(B)

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

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

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

_____ Hummingbirds collect cobweb and tree bark.

_____ Hummingbirds lay their eggs.

_____ Hummingbirds weave together materials.

40. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

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

	idle
	resilient
	beautiful

END OF PAPER

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
1	3	1	4	1	1	1	4	3	4
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
4	4	4	3	3	C	E	D	A	Fill
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26				
have	gobbles	Is	Chocolate	is	Add				

Q27)	Bill went to play soccer after he completed his homework.
Q28)	Tom trained hard in order to get a place in the national team.
Q29)	Andrew was very sick and their father did not have enough money to sent him for an operation.
Q30)	Tess wanted to buy a miracle tha might save her little brother.
Q31)	It refers to where the pharmacist works, across the street of Tess's house.
Q32)	Well
Q33)	Dr. Armstrong did not charge her parents a cent and they could not thank him enough.
Q34)	Can fly backwards Eats nectar
Q35)	Rapidly
Q36)	False
Q37)	False
Q38)	True
Q39)	1 , 3 , 2
Q40)	resilient

