

Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)



SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2 - 2018

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY 4

Name : _____ ()

Class : P 4 . ()

Date : 26 October 2018

BOOKLET A

15 Questions

15 Marks

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 1 Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.**
- 2 Follow all instructions carefully.**
- 3 Answer all questions.**

This paper consists of 4 printed pages (inclusive of cover page)

Part 1: Vocabulary (6 marks)

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

1. The citizens wonder which prince will ascend the _____ when the king dies.

(1) title
(2) throne
(3) position
(4) leadership

2. As cool as a cucumber, Lisa _____ towards the examiner to take her oral examination.

(1) scurried
(2) sauntered
(3) scrambled
(4) skedaddled

3. Even though Tom was trembling with fear, he _____ and stood before the Discipline Master, ready to take his punishment.

(1) bit his head off
(2) had no backbone
(3) put on a brave front
(4) built castles in the air

4. "Could I please _____ your story book over the weekend? I will return it to you on Monday," requested Pamela politely.

(1) take
(2) lend
(3) steal
(4) borrow

5. The sudden heavy downpour caused the organisers to _____ the soccer match to a later date.

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

6. The _____ earthquake that took place yesterday destroyed numerous buildings and many lives were lost.

(1) timely
(2) massive
(3) daunting
(4) imminent

Part 2: Grammar (8 marks)

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

7. Yesterday, Tom _____ surprised when he received a gift from his mother.

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

8. _____ turtles swimming there are having a good time.

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

9. The twins were excited after they had finished building the kennel.

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

10. Gavin decided to watch the movie as _____ of his friends said that it was good.

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

11. The jockey _____ his leg after he was thrown from his horse.
- (1) broke
 - (2) breaks
 - (3) is breaking
 - (4) was breaking
12. As we _____ soccer, it began to rain.
- (1) play
 - (2) will play
 - (3) have played
 - (4) were playing
13. The detective followed the suspect for _____ distance before he lost him in the crowd.
- (1) few
 - (2) little
 - (3) some
 - (4) many
14. "Please play quietly. Your baby sister _____ in the room now," Mrs Han reminded her sons.
- (1) slept
 - (2) sleeps
 - (3) has slept
 - (4) is sleeping

Part 3: Punctuation (1 mark)

For question 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

15. "Dad will come home early today as he has promised, won't he []"
Janet wondered.
- (1) [,] comma
 - (2) [.] full stop
 - (3) [?] question mark
 - (4) [!] exclamation mark

END OF BOOKLET A

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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)

Part 4: Grammar Cloze 1 (4 marks)

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

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

A	us	B	they	C	he
D	she	E	her	F	you

Mr and Mrs Smith had four children. (16) _____ had outgrown their house. One day, Mrs Smith told her husband, "I'm going to build a house large enough for all of (17)_____.

Mr Smith replied, "What do (18) _____ know about building a house?"

She retorted, "I'm going to learn." Later, (19) _____ made plans to talk to a builder.

Mr Smith was very proud of her.

Part 5: Grammar Cloze 2 (4 marks)

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

Reading and writing a lot can help you become better writers. Reading and writing (20) [is / are] inseparable. It is impossible to write well without reading good books that (21) [has / have] gone before us. A well-read writer (22) [recognise / recognises] the difference between a good story and a bad one.

Reading exposes us to other styles, voices, forms and genres of writing. It also exposes us to writing that is better than our own and (23) [help / helps] us to improve. Reading inspires you.

Adapted from 'Why Read?'

Part 6: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (3 marks)

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

There are ways to experiment with jelly to come up **with** interesting yet edible art.

(24)

Take it from Rachael Ray who has a **raecipe** kids will love – the Jelly Aquarium!

All you need is blue jelly, ripe fruit like honeydew, mangoes, or any of your favourite fruits.

(25)

Slice the fruit thin and flat and used fish-shaped cookie cutters to cut the

(26)

sliced fruit into shape. Then, **assembel** them against a glass container before you pour the blue jelly in to set.

Finally, the Jelly Aquarium is created!

Adapted from Reader's Digest "Jell-O Art"

Part 7: Synthesis & Transformation (4 marks)

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

- 27 Tom heard the bad news. Tom quickly called his father.

When _____

- 28 That is my pen. I am taking it back.

_____ which

Part 8: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 29 to 33.

The railway station was crowded that day. We were all at the platform waiting for the train to arrive. Soon the rumbling of the train could be heard.

As soon as the train crawled to a stop and its doors swung open, my friend and I scrambled up the train from the platform and dashed to our seats. A final boarding announcement was made. At the eleventh hour, a man and his son, about 15 years of age, boarded the train and sat adjacent to us. The train then left the station. 5

The teenager looked out of the window and exclaimed in surprise, "Dad, the things are moving backwards!" His father smiled and nodded his head. As the train increased its speed, the boy shouted excitedly, "Dad, the trees are running backwards very quickly now!" 10

"Yes, dear," his father said and smiled, watching his son squeal in delight and amazement like a three-year-old.

My friend and I were watching all that had transpired. Was this how a normal teenager should behave? Curiosity got the better of me and I asked, "Hey, Mister, does your son have a problem?" Before the man could answer, my friend commented, "His son is mad, I think." 15

The father patiently replied, "My son was born blind. It was only a few days ago that he received his sight. He is seeing many things in his life for the first time." 20

My friend and I became very quiet and apologised to the father and son.

Adapted from Think Before You Speak

WRITE YOUR ANSWERS IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

29 At which part of the train station were the author and his friend before boarding? [2m]

30 When did the man and his son board the train? [2m]

31 Why did the author think that the son had a problem? [2m]

32 Why was the teenager seeing many things for the first time in his life? [2m]

33 In paragraph five, which word has the same meaning as 'inquisitiveness'? [2m]

Part 9: Comprehension Passage 2 (10 marks)

Read this passage and answer questions 34 to 40.

Gunner, a six-month-old male stray dog, was found in a destroyed building on 19 February 1942 by some soldiers from the Royal Australian Air Force after a Japanese air raid on Darwin. The dog had a broken leg and was whimpering.

Percy Westcott, one of those who found Gunner, made it his duty to help this dog. Westcott took the dog to a hospital where a doctor insisted that he could not treat any 'man' who did not have a name or serial number. So, Westcott named the dog 'Gunner' and gave him the serial number 0000. Satisfied, the doctor put a cast on Gunner's leg and set them on the way. 5

From that point onward, Gunner and Westcott were inseparable. One day, as Westcott and the other soldiers went about their daily routine at the airfield, Gunner got so worked up and started barking and jumping. The men paid no attention to the dog. However, within minutes, Japanese bombers swooped in and started bombing Darwin again. 10

It was a surprise attack to everyone except Gunner. Luckily, the soldiers and Gunner managed to dive to safety. Two days later, Gunner acted up again. This time, the men were prepared for the upcoming attack. 15

From February 1942 to November 1943, Gunner warned the soldiers of nearly every air raid and saved countless lives. He was able to tell the difference between the sounds of the engines used by Australian and Japanese aircraft with his extraordinary hearing. 20

Adapted from "Five War Heroes Who Also Happened To Be Dogs"

- 34 Give **two** possible reasons why Gunner was whimpering.
Tick ✓ your two chosen answers. [2m]

☐	He was excited.
☐	He was injured.
☐	He was in pain.

For Q35 to 37, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". The first example has been done for you. [3m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	Gunner was a stray dog when he was found.	✓	
35	Percy Westcott was the only one who found Gunner.		
36	Percy gave Gunner a name and serial number because he wanted to keep him as a pet.		
37	Percy and Gunner became very close to each other.		

- 38 Name Gunner's **two** actions which warned the soldiers about danger.

i) _____ [1m]

ii) _____ [1m]

For Q39, which **two characteristics**, from paragraphs 3 to 5, best describe Gunner. Tick (✓) your **two** chosen answers. An example has been done for you. [2m]

Two characteristics that describe Gunner from paragraphs 3 to 5		Tick your chosen answer
Example	loyal	✓
39	playful	
	alert	
	reliable	

40 Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

From the last paragraph, we know that Gunner _____. [1m]

	can foresee the future
	has a sharp hearing
	died during one of the air raids

END OF PAPER

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
2	2	3	4	2	2	3	4	4	4
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
1	4	3	4	3	B	A	F	D	are
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24)		recipe				
have	recognises	helps	Q25)		use				
			Q26)		assemble				

Q27)	When Tom heard the bad news, he quickly called his father.
Q28)	That is my pen which I am taking back.
Q29)	The author and his friends were at the platform before boarding the train.
Q30)	The man and his son boarded the train at the eleventh hour.
Q31)	The son was squealing in delight and amazement like a three year-old.
Q32)	The teenager was born blind only a few days ago he received his sight and he is seeing many things in his life for the first time.
Q33)	Curiosity
Q34)	He was injured. He was in pain
Q35)	False
Q36)	False
Q37)	True
Q38)	i) Barking ii) Jumping
Q39)	alert reliable

Q40)	has a sharp hearing
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