



AI TONG SCHOOL
2014
MID-YEAR EXAMINATION
PRIMARY 4

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)
PART ONE

Total Time For Parts One and Two: 1 hour 30 minutes

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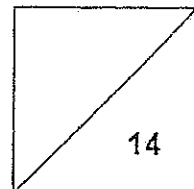
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Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3	Paper 4	Total Marks
20	50	14	16	100

5. My mother told me to complete my homework before I could _____ out to play.

(1) go	(2) am going
(3) have gone	(4) was going

6. "There is too _____ food for us to finish!" exclaimed Moses.

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

7. You have to listen carefully to the instructions that the teachers _____ to us right now.

(1) gave	(2) gives
(3) are giving	(4) have given

8. Last month, we _____ my brother's birthday at East Coast Park.

(1) celebrate	(2) celebrated
(3) have celebrated	(4) was celebrating

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 the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

9. My brother is going on a holiday to Greece. His flight _____ from Changi Airport at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

(1) arrives	(2) moves
(3) departs	(4) operates

10. Beth followed her mother's _____ to bake a delicious chocolate cake for her brother's birthday.

(1) list	(2) recipe
(3) brochure	(4) directory

11. My strict teacher expects us to walk in a/an _____ manner when we go to the canteen.

(1) even	(2) orderly
(3) chaotic	(4) cluttered

12. The children witnessed a road _____ outside the school where a van had collided with a car.

(1) disaster	(2) problem
(3) accident	(4) congestion

13. During our group project discussion, Albert _____ an idea when it was his turn. We decided to use it because it was creative.

(1) filed

(3) submitted

14. The children were told to _____ the grass as it was muddy from yesterday's rain.

(1) keep to

(2) keep on

(3) keep up

(4) keep off



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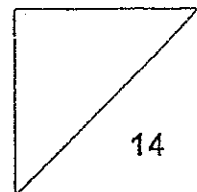
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Part 2

Name : _____ ()

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Marks : _____/36

Section C: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

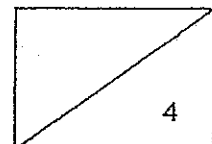
Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank.

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.**Passage 1**

(A) across	(B) below	(C) into
(D) over	(E) to	(F) up

The girl unlocked the door silently. She entered the room and walked (15)_____ it. Without any noise, she went straight (16)_____ her bed and changed into her nightgown. She drew the curtains and got (17)_____ bed, pulling the blanket up to her chin. Next, she pulled the nightcap (18)_____ her eyes to block out the lights. After a few minutes, she finally fell asleep.

Adapted from a story from www.eastoftheweb.com

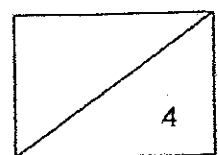


Passage 2

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

Maria is my best friend. We grew up together and (19) (go / went) to the same secondary school. Now, I am studying in Australia and she (20) (has / have) moved to London. Even though we live far apart, we are still very good friends. We (21) (write / writes) to each other often. Maria (22)(love / Loves) telling me about her life in London. We never forget each other's birthdays too. Last year, I sent her a photo of the two of us in our secondary school uniform. I am visiting Maria in London at the end of the year.

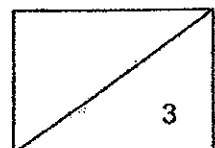
Adapted from a short story from www.magickeys.com



Section D: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (3 x 1 mark)

Circle the mistakes in the passage. The mistake could either be a spelling or grammar error. Write the correct answer in the column on the right.

The giant panda could go extinct within 20 years as its population continues to drop, scientists said. The giant panda - the world's largest - can grow to six feet long and weigh as much as 100 kg. Experts say its continued existence is endangered by threats like climate change, polusion,	23.
predation and human hunting. The panda's diet includes grass, some rodents and mainly bamboo. The giant pandas are able to start reproducing between four to eight years of age. The cubs of the panda does not open their eyes until they are six to eight weeks of age and are not able to move	24.
until three months. The researchers also said that there is of restoreing the population of the endangered animals if we play our part to keep the earth's temperature under control. <i>Adapted from a short story from www.nationalzoo.si.edu</i>	25.



Section E: Comprehension Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

It was a chilly night. Duncan, Jovi and Ryan had been walking in the forest for three hours. The forest was so dark that it was (26) _____ for them to make their way around, even though they each had a torch and a compass to direct them.

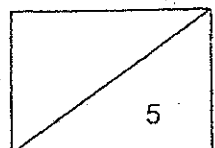
Duncan, who was a plump boy, began to grumble.

"My stomach is growling! It has been two hours since we ate something! My legs are tired and I can hardly (27) _____ another step!"

Jovi and Ryan sighed because they were just as tired and hungry but they did not grumble as much as Duncan. Annoyed by Duncan's complaints, they decided to allow him to take a (28) _____. Duncan sat down and was asleep in less than five minutes, so it was up to Jovi and Ryan to (29) _____ the tents for the night.

The two boys were efficient in their work. In an hour, their tents were ready. The boys were proud of (30) _____. They could not wait to go for their canoeing trip the next morning.

Written by Sharnee Tever



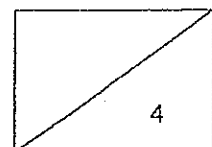
Section F: Synthesis (2 x 2 marks)

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.

31. Jessica loves cupcakes. Sally loves cupcakes too.

32. It was getting late. Samantha decided to leave the birthday party.

 since



Section G: Comprehension 1 (8 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Yazmin was watching television one hot afternoon when she heard the excited barking of her dog outside the house. Initially, she thought Brownie was just trying to attract her attention. Yazmin ignored the barking and continued her activity. However, the barkings got louder.

Yazmin knew that Brownie would do this whenever he was punished. He had done 5
so on previous occasions. Yazmin had fallen for his trick and brought him into the house so that he would stop barking. This time, however, she would keep him outside until he realised his mistake of chewing on her shoes.

As time passed, Brownie's barking grew more aggressive. The noise was deafening and Yazmin was getting annoyed. Her brother, who was studying in his room, 10
was shouting for Brownie to be quiet. Curious, Yazmin's mother rushed out of the house to take a look at Brownie. Just then, Yazmin heard a loud shriek. She rushed out of the house and the first thing she saw was her mother standing like a statue on the lawn, looking pale and frightened.

A snake was coiled close to Yazmin's mother's feet, all set to attack her at the 15
slightest movement. Brownie was about a metre away, still barking loudly. Yazmin stood rooted to the ground, feeling helpless. All of a sudden, Brownie pounced on the snake. However, the snake managed to slither away.

Yazmin immediately ran to Brownie and gave him a tight hug. He had risked his life to save her mother. Yazmin realised that dogs were very loyal animals. Feeling proud, 20
Brownie wagged his tail and followed Yazmin into the house.

Adapted from a story by Cheryl Pearson

33. Why was Brownie punished? Tick (✓) your chosen answer. [1m]

☐	Brownie had played a trick on Yazmin
☐	Brownie had chewed on Yazmin's shoes.

34. Which word in paragraph 3 has the same meaning as 'irritated'? [1m]

For question 35, write 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the bracket provided. [1m]

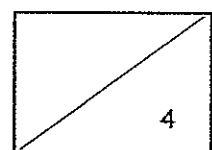
35. Who saw the snake first?

- (1) Yazmin
- (2) Brownie
- (3) Yazmin's brother
- (4) Yazmin's mother

For question 36, put a tick (✓) in the correct box.

36. When Yazmin went to the lawn, the first thing she saw was _____. [1m]

☐	the snake slithering away
☐	the snake coiled near her mother's feet
☐	her mother standing rooted to the ground



For question 37, write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. [1m]

37.

	Yazmin's brother shouted from his room.
	Yazmin went out when she heard a loud shriek.
	Yazmin's mother went out to see what had happened.

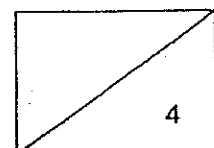
38. Which two four-word phrases from paragraph 3 suggest that Yazmin's mother was terrified at the sight of the snake?

i. _____

ii. _____

39. Who rescued Yazmin's mother?

[1m]



Section H: Comprehension 2 (8 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Dear Diary,

I am tired but I need to pen my thoughts down. Today, my class went for a learning journey. It was meant to be a fun trip but it did not turn out so for me.

We went on a hike to Bukit Timah Hill. Halfway through the long journey, I stopped. I just could not go on any further. I wanted to stay behind but my classmate, Chloe, kept pulling me along. I looked at her, eyes narrowing. Why must she always be so enthusiastic? 5

Left with no choice, and with heavy footsteps, most of us in the class dragged ourselves up the hill with the teacher. However, Chloe was still as energetic as a puppy. Unlike us, she was not even panting! It must be those long-distance running and swimming sessions she always has after school. She has long slender legs and looks like an athlete. I am envious of her and see her as a role model. 10

After what felt like an eternity, we finally reached the peak. The view from the top of the hill was not as fantastic as I had expected. Anyway, I was in so much agony that I could not enjoy much of it. I dropped onto the ground, moaning.

Chloe was the only one, besides my teacher, taking scenic photographs at the hilltop. The rest of us did not bother as we were thoroughly exhausted. With perspiration trickling down my forehead and into my eyes, my vision blurred and I squinted. Chloe saw me wiping the sweat off my forehead and offered me some water. "Plain water had never tasted so sweet!" I had exclaimed as I took a sip and thanked her. 20

What a day it had been! I am so glad to be home, sitting on my rocking chair and enjoying my hot cup of tea while writing this.

Yours truly,
Sherenne

Written by Sharinee Tevar

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40. Which word ~~phrase~~ in paragraph 3 tells you that Chloe was not tired? [1m]

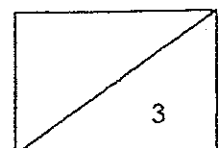
For question 41, write the correct word in the box provided. [1m]

The first letter has been provided.

41. The writer is e_____ of Chloe as she has long slender legs
and looks like an athlete.

For question 42, write your answer in a complete sentence.

42. What does the word "it " in line 14 refer to? [1m]



43. State whether each sentence below is **True** or **False**. Give a reason for your answer.

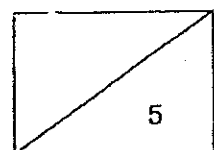
[3m]

Sentence	True / False	Reason
i) The author's classmates struggled to climb the hill.		
ii) Chloe and the writer were taking scenic photographs at the top of the hill.		
iii) The writer felt grateful when Chloe offered her some water.		

44. In paragraph 5, why do you think the writer squinted?

[2m]

END OF PAPER



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Answer Key

Section A:

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

Paper 2

Q15. A

Q16. E

Q17. C

Q18. D

Q19. went

Q20. has

Q21. write

Q22. loves

Q23. pollution

Q24. do

Q25. restoring

Q26. difficult

Q27. take

Q28. rest

Q29. pitch

Q30. themselves

Q31. **Both** Jessica and Sally love cupcakes.

Q32. Samantha decided to leave the birthday party **since** it was getting late.

Q33. Brownie had chewed on Yazmin's shoes.

Q34. annoyed

Q35. 2

Q36. her mother sanding rooted to the ground.

Q37.

1	Yazmin's brother shouted from his room
3	Yzamin went out when she hears a loud shriek
2	Yazmin's mother went out to see what had happened

Q38.

- i) Standing like a statue
- ii) looking pale and frightened

Q39. Brownie

Q40. energetic

Q41. envious

Q42. It refers to the view from the top of the hill.

Q43.

Sentence	True/False	Reason
1) The author's classmates struggled to climb the hill.	True	The author's classmates dragged themselves up the hill.
2) Chloe and the writer were taking scenic photographs at the top of the hill.	False	Chloe was the only one, beside the writer's teachers, were taking scenic photographs at the top of the hill.
3) The writer felt grateful when Chloe offered her some water.	True	The writer exclaimed as she took a sip of water and thanked Chloe when she offered her some water.

Q44. There was perspiration trickling down the writer's forehead and into her eyes, her vision blurred and she squinted.

