

**RIVER VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2 / 2017
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 4**

Name : _____ ()

Mark: _____ / 14

Class : Primary 4 _____

Date : 26 October 2017

Parent's signature: _____

Booklet A

Duration of Paper (Booklet A and B) : 1 h 15 min

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Do not turn over this paper until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 14 questions (Questions 1 to 14).
4. Shade your answer in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.
5. Answer all questions.

Section A: Grammar MCQ (8 X 1 mark)

For each question from 1 to 8, four options are given. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the OAS.

1. My uncle informed his children that he was going to buy _____
a scooter.

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

2. When Jenny's neighbours reached the carpark, they _____
shocked to see their car on fire.

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

3. While Father was watching the news last night, he _____
surprised to see his friend being interviewed on television.

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

4. "The pupils _____ their test now, so please do not talk as
you walk past their classroom," said the prefect.

(1) take
(2) took
(3) are taking
(4) were taking

5. Two weeks ago, Jiamin _____ a smartphone in a lucky draw.

- (1) won
- (2) wins
- (3) has won
- (4) was winning

6. _____ lady standing across the road is my teacher.

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

7. My little sister ate all the biscuits in the jar so there was _____ left for me.

- (1) a few
- (2) none
- (3) some
- (4) many

8. The chef needs to buy cooking oil as there is too _____ of it to deep fry the prawn rolls thoroughly.

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

Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (6 X 1 mark)

For each question from 9 to 14, four options are given. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the OAS.

9. The family of the _____ had paid a huge ransom before the kidnappers released him.

(1) culprit
(2) victim
(3) witness
(4) spectator

10. As a _____ of his rudeness, the boy was told to leave the classroom.

(1) result
(2) cause
(3) reason
(4) conclusion

11. Her classmates _____ a surprise birthday party for her.

(1) made
(2) threw
(3) hurled
(4) tossed

12. I _____ cold water on my face to keep myself awake.

(1) added
(2) soaked
(3) painted
(4) splashed

13. Mother's porcelain tea cup was so _____ that it cracked
when Luke accidentally knocked his ~~bottle~~ ^{water} against it.
 ~~water~~ bottle

- (1) frail
- (2) weak
- (3) flimsy
- (4) fragile

14. Mr Raja's story was so _____ that we laughed until our sides
ached.

- (1) jolly
- (2) exciting
- (3) amusing
- (4) predictable

- End of Booklet A -

**RIVER VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 4**

Name : _____ ()

Mark: _____ / 36

Class : Primary 4 _____

Date : 26 October 2017

Booklet B

Duration of Paper (Booklet A and B) : 1 h 15 min

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Do not turn over this paper 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 15 to 44).
4. Write your answers in this booklet.
5. Answer all questions.

	Mark Obtained	Maximum Mark
Booklet A		14
Booklet B		36
Total		50

Section C: Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the following passage and answer questions 15 to 22.

Ever heard of World Pangolin Day, celebrated on 18 February, 2017?	
Pangolins in Asia and Africa, weigh from 1.6 kg to 33 kg. They are light yellowish, dark green or brown.	
A pangolin uses its long, strong, sticky and slimy tongue to catch ants and termites. These gentle animals are toothless and not violent. They have poor eyesight and use their great sense of smell to find food.	5
In the wild, they are quiet and hard to find. They stay awake and are active at night. They live and work alone and so, are solitary. The China species sleep in holes in the ground. Those in Africa and Malaysia sleep in trees. They use their huge front claws to burrow or for climbing.	10
Pangolins have mainly scales-covered bodies. They are made of keratin, like our fingernails and hair. In times of danger, they roll up into a tight ball to protect themselves. They lash out at enemies using their scaly sharp tails too. Sadly, people hunt them for their scales and meat. This makes them more endangered. It is important to raise the awareness of their sad situation, not just on their special day but all year round to save them from being extinct.	15
<i>Adapted from https://www.worldwildlife.org/species/pangolin</i>	

For question 15, tick the box with the correct answer.

15. Which one of these statements about pangolins is true? [1m]

Pangolins use their _____ tongues to get their food.

☐	dry and long
☐	sticky and short
☐	strong and wet

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

These gentle animals are toothless, not violent.

(A)

(B)

17. State two ways how pangolins behave when faced with danger. [2m]

(a) _____

(b) _____

18. Which word in paragraph 4 has the same meaning as 'alone'? [1m]

19. Give two reasons why World Pangolin Day is celebrated? [2m]

(a) _____

(b) _____

For Questions Q20 – 22, read each statement and tick ✓ either “True” or “False”.
Refer to the passage to help you. The first one has been done for you. [3m]

Statement		True	False
Example	Pangolins weigh from about 1.6 to 33 kilograms	✓	
20.	Pangolins are found only in Asia.		
21.	Pangolins have good sense of sight.		
22.	Different species of pangolins may have different sleeping habits.		

Section D: 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 ONLY ONCE.

(A)	he	(C)	them	(E)	his
(B)	they	(D)	him	(F)	it

Soon Huat, Hamid and Suling were thrilled to get tickets to a soccer match. (23) _____ had been looking forward to the match for quite a while.
 (24) _____ was marked on their school calendar as the most exciting event for
 (25) _____.

Hamid knew that (26) _____ favourite team was in for a tough fight.
 Despite giving their all, they ended up losing 5-4 to the stronger opposing team.

Teacher's own

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

Jane yelled excitedly, "The circus has finally come to town!" She had (27) [run , ran] straight home from school.

Soon, the family (28) [was , were] at the *Big Top* and Jane used her savings to (29) [buy , bought] tickets for them.

"You know, there (30) [is , are] even training available for people who want to be clowns," she told her brother. She loved clowns and could not wait to see them in action.

Teacher's own

Section E: Comprehension Cloze (4 X 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Grandparents are the best, especially mine. They helped raise me since I was little as my parents were often (31) _____ at work in their office nearby.

One day, my grandmother realised that she was going (32) _____. Instead of feeling down, she made an (33) _____ to see a doctor.

Soon, she was wearing a hearing aid. She explained, "I wanted to (34) _____ quality time with my grandchildren and not worry about their safety. For example, being able to hear my grandchildren's cries for help is important."

Hearing that, my gratitude towards her deepened.

Teacher's own.

Section F: Sentence Manipulation (4 marks)

For each of the items from 35 to 36, rewrite the given sentences using the words provided. Your answer must be written in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the given ones.

35. Lindy is not attending the camp. Her two classmates are not attending the camp too.

Neither _____ nor _____

36. Let us meet at the library foyer. The stamp exhibition will be held there.

_____ where

Section G: Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the following passage and answer questions 37 to 44.

Two Native American Indian children, Wabi and Kato, were banished to the forest by their wicked stepmother. That hot afternoon, the forest was alive with buzzing and hooting sounds. The sounds and strange eyes among the thick trees frightened them as they walked, holding hands tightly while comforting each other.	5
"Look, there is a deer's trail," cried Kato suddenly. "Its tracks will lead us out of the forest." They soon came to a huge spreading oak tree and decided to pitch their tent in its shade.	
Wabi was thirsty and seeing water in a large hoof print, knelt to drink. After a sip, he began to feel funny. Antlers grew from his head, a white fur covered his body and he grew hooves. He had turned into a white stag a male deer and at once, they heard their stepmother's voice coming from an oak tree.	10
"Nobody will ever be able to save him unless they fell this oak tree. That would be hard to do so."	
Kato looked around but she saw no one. When Kato tried to chop down the tree with her little 'tomahawk', it broke. She lay down and cried herself to sleep against Wabi's soft fur.	15
Days passed. Each morning, Wabi trotted off to graze and remained away until evening. One day, he galloped home at midday, chased by hunters. Among them was their father! Kato told them the whole story. The hunters decided to burn down the oak tree.	20
Soon, the tree came crashing down and Wabi changed back into a human. He was saved. Out of the smoke, a black owl flew screeching into the forest. Wabi said softly, "Our stepmother was a witch and now, she must live forever with the evil spirits of the forest."	25

Adapted from The Enchanted Stag by The Brothers Grimm

37. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

Wabi and Kato were _____. [1m]

☐	friends
☐	Cousins
☐	Siblings
☐	brothers

38. According to the passage, what were Wabi and Kato frightened of? (1m)

39. Why did Wabi and Kato choose to pitch their tent under an oak tree?

Explain clearly the reason/s for their choice. (2m)

For Questions 40 – 41, read each statement and state if it is "True" or "False". [2m]

	Statement	True / False	Reason
40.	Wabi drank water from a stream.		
41.	Wabi's stepmother was a witch with magical powers.		

42. Which word in paragraph 5 tells us what Kato used to chop down the tree? [1m]

43. These are the events that happened in the story. Put them in the right sequence according to the flow in the story. Write 1, 2 and 3 on the lines. [1m]

_____ The stepmother made her home in the forest.

_____ Wabi was chased by the hunters.

_____ The stepmother cast a spell on Wabi.

44. Describe the relationship that Wabi and Kato have, using an **adjective** and give a reason to support your answer. [2m]

- End of Booklet B -

EXAM PAPER 2017 (P4)

SCHOOL : RIVER VELLEY

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA2

ORDER CALL :

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

15)strong and wet 16)B

17)a)Pangolins roll up into a tight ball to protect themselves.

b)Pangolins lash out at enemies using their scaly sharp tails.

18)solitary

19)a)It is important to raise the awareness of their sad situation.

b)It is important to save them from being extinct.

20)False 21)False 22)True 23)B 24)F 25)C 26)E

27)run 28)was 29)buy 30)is 31)out 32)deaf

33)appointment 34)spend

35)Neither Lindy nor her two classmates are attending the camp.

36)Let us meet at the library foyer where the stamp exhibition will be held.

37)Siblings

38)Wabi and Kato were frightened of the sounds and the strange eyes among the thick trees.

39)Wabi and Kato saw a deer's trail which will lead them out of the forest and there is shade so they decided to pitch their tent under an oak tree.

40)False / Wabi drank water from a large hoof print.

41)True / She was able to turn to a black owl.

42)tomahawk

43)3, 2, 1

44)Wabi and Kato have a loving relationship, when they were frightened they were comforting each other.