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Class : Primary 4 _____

CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 4

Semestral Assessment 2

22 October 2018

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet A

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 30 min

16 questions

16 marks

Instructions to Candidates:

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

This booklet consists of 7 printed pages.

Section A: Grammar MCQ (8 x 1 mark)

Read the questions carefully. Choose the most suitable answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. Emelie _____ over the moon when she won the singing competition.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
2. "Finish _____ worksheets before watching television!" ordered Mother, handing Adam his homework for the day.
- (1) this
 - (2) that
 - (3) these
 - (4) those
3. "I _____ my piano now. I will have my lunch later," I told Mother.
- (1) play
 - (2) played
 - (3) am playing
 - (4) have played
4. As my brother was alone at home, he had no choice but to cook dinner for _____.
- (1) herself
 - (2) himself
 - (3) ourselves
 - (4) themselves

5. Rosie _____ a magazine when she heard the doorbell ring.

- (1) read
- (2) reads
- (3) has read
- (4) was reading

6. Roger's parents _____ him a present and in doing so, fulfilled his birthday wish.

- (1) buy
- (2) buys
- (3) bought
- (4) has bought

7. Jane stayed up last night to complete her assignment as she had very _____ time left before the deadline.

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

8. The new restaurant across the street is open only _____ the day.

- (1) into
- (2) after
- (3) before
- (4) during

Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (6 x 1 mark)

Read the questions carefully. Choose the most suitable answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

9. The _____ clapped and cheered when the lifeguard rescued a little boy from drowning.
- (1) audience
 - (2) onlookers
 - (3) spectators
 - (4) competitors
10. Trevor was a _____ child who refused to heed his parents' advice.
- (1) wilful
 - (2) dutiful
 - (3) repentant
 - (4) motivated
11. After trekking up the hill for many hours, they rested under a _____ of trees.
- (1) litter
 - (2) flock
 - (3) clump
 - (4) bunch

12. The fans were _____ when the concert was cancelled as they had been looking forward to it.

- (1) insulted
- (2) offended
- (3) ashamed
- (4) disappointed

13. The group was commended for their _____ because they worked together to complete their presentation slides.

- (1) teamwork
- (2) attendance
- (3) arrangement
- (4) sportsmanship

14. The motorcyclist narrowly escaped death when he _____ to avoid the lorry that had broken down on the road.

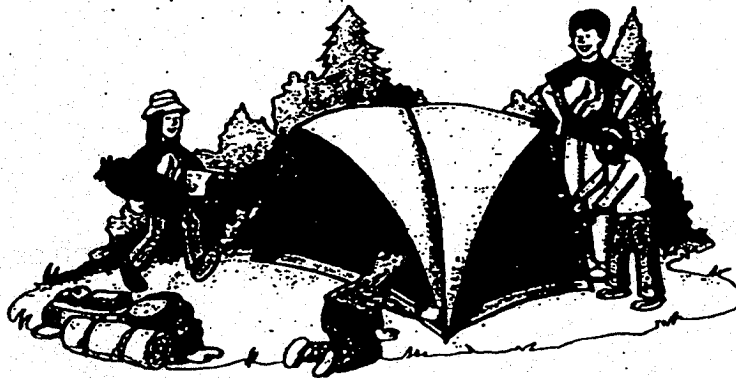
- (1) bent
- (2) glided
- (3) twisted
- (4) swerved

Section C: Visual Text Comprehension MCQ (2 x 1 mark)

Study the advertisement carefully and answer questions 15 and 16.

Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CAMP 2018



Take part in our fun-filled outdoor adventure camp and build your courage, confidence and character!

Junior Camp	Senior Camp
Ages : 7 to 10 years old Dates : 1 to 3 December 2018 Venue : Bishan Campsite	Ages : 11 to 14 years old Dates : 8 to 10 December 2018 Venue : Serangoon Campsite



Activities :

- fishing
- flying fox
- rock climbing
- canoeing (for Senior Camp only)

*To sign up, fill in the registration form at www.singa.sg
Sign up before 30 October 2018 and get a free water bottle and a cap!*

Organised by
Singa Youth Council
231 Kebun Baru Road
Singapore 566231
Tel : 9612 8731

15. The main purpose of the advertisement is to _____.

- (1) promote Serangoon Campsite
- (2) give away free water bottles and caps
- (3) get people to visit Singa Youth Council
- (4) encourage children to take part in a camp

16. Which one of the following statements is true?

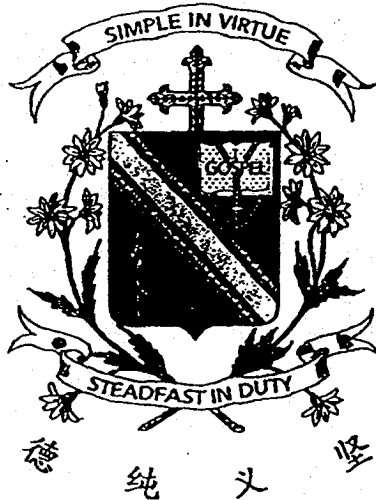
- (1) You will receive a free water bottle if you sign up on 30 October 2018.
- (2) Jane's 9-year-old sister will attend the camp from 1 to 3 December 2018.
- (3) To sign up for the camp, you must call Singa Youth Council at 9612 8731.
- (4) You will not be able to take part in the canoeing activity if you are 12 years old.

END OF BOOKLET A

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Semestral Assessment 2

22 October 2018

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet B

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 30 min

31 questions
34 marks

Instructions to Candidates:

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Answer all questions.

Booklet A	16
Booklet B	34
Total	50

Parent's Signature: _____

This booklet consists of 11 printed pages and 1 blank page.

Section D: Grammar Cloze [1] (4 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the most suitable answer from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. Use each word / phrase only once.

(A) it	(C) he	(E) their
(B) its	(D) him	(F) them

Two dogs were found abandoned. The Animal Welfare Society received an alert.

(17) _____ started investigations immediately. It found that the owner of the dogs could not afford to take care of them. So, he left (18) _____ in a park.
(19) _____ was fined \$4,800.

Pet owners who abandon (20) _____ pets can be jailed or fined up to \$10,000. The authorities strongly encourage the public to report such cases immediately.

Adapted from 'Man fined \$4,800 for keeping and abandoning unlicensed dogs', The Straits Times



Section E: Grammar Cloze [2] (4 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the brackets and circle it.

Some people get a headache after eating ice cream. This effect (21) [is / are] called 'brain freeze' or 'ice-cream headache'. It is a sudden sharp and stabbing pain in your forehead. This (22) [happen / happens] when you put too much ice cream in your mouth after exercising or when the weather is hot. The effect (23) [go / goes] away once your body gets used to it. The headaches rarely (24) [last / lasts] longer than five minutes. To avoid getting ice-cream headaches, do not eat ice cream too quickly.

Adapted from 'Do you get a headache after eating ice cream too fast?', Young Scientist



Section F: Synthesis and Transformation (2 X 1 mark)

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 meaning of the given sentence(s).

25. Miss Tan is a rich woman. Her company has many stores.

_____ whose _____

26. Alvin does not like horror stories. He does not like science fiction movies.

_____ neither _____
nor _____



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Section G: Comprehension Cloze (4 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

Have you ever dreamed of starting your own band? If you need a guitar but do not have the money to buy it, you can try to make your own. Here's how you can make one (27) _____ things you can easily find in your home. You will need six rubber bands and a cardboard box.

First, cut off the cover of the box so that the top of the box is open. Next, place the six rubber bands over the box. Make sure the rubber bands are placed slightly apart from (28) _____ other. Now, pull up one of the rubber bands and hear the sound made as you (29) _____ it.

Sound is created when something vibrates. When the rubber band is pulled up slightly and released, (30) _____ strikes the box lightly. This produces a weak sound. However, when it is pulled higher then let go, the rubber band hits the box harder. Thus, a louder sound is created.

Now, you and your friends can start your own band at home!

Adapted from 'A Home-made Guitar', Young Scientist



Section H: Comprehension [1] (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 31 to 39.

"Toots is dead!" wailed John loudly. To look for signs of life, John prodded his pet tortoise's shell and shook it. Then, he put his ear against Toots' shell and listened, his brows furrowed in concentration.

I pulled Toots out of John's clammy hands. "Don't cry, John. Grandpa will know what to do!" I said soothingly to my five-year-old brother. John sobbed silently. We went around the house looking for Grandpa and spotted him in the garden, talking to his plants. I held Toots out. 5

"Toots is dead," I whispered in his ear. Grandpa nodded. He took John's hand and promised him to have Toots up and about in two days' time! John broke into a smile but I could not believe my ears. Did Grandpa actually think he could bring Toots back to life? 10

Later, I saw Grandpa in the kitchen. He slipped Toots into his fishbowl and waited. Ten minutes passed and Toots did not move. "It's really dead," Grandpa said with a loud sigh. Just then, Aunt came into the kitchen. "Why are you playing with Toots?" she asked Grandpa. He whispered something to Aunt and all I heard were loud 'ooohs' from her.

The next day, John came to me, smiling. He showed me a box. I gasped when I saw Toots in it, looking right at me. I strode off to search for Grandpa. It was impossible! Grandpa saw me and pulled me aside. He knew that I wanted to know his secret. 15

"Aunt and I bought another tortoise for John," Grandpa whispered and pressed his finger to his lips. I nodded.

Adapted from 'Grandpa's Remedy' by Jessie Wee

31. What were the two things John did to check if Toots was still alive?

Put two ticks (✓) your chosen answers. [2m]

☐	wailed loudly
☐	prodded its shell

☐	sobbed silently
☐	put his ear against its shell

For question 32 and question 33, decide who did the following actions. Tick (✓) your chosen answer. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

	Actions	Grandpa	John	The author
Example	broke into a smile		✓	
32.	comforted his brother			
33.	promised to have Toots up and about			

34. Where did the author and John find Grandpa? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

We went around the house looking for Grandpa and spotted him in the garden, talking to his plants.

(A) (B)

35. Refer to paragraph 4.

Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

Grandpa slipped Toots into the fishbowl to _____. [1m]

☐	bring it back to life
☐	check if it was alive
☐	show it to Aunt

36. Which word has the same meaning as 'to take a short, quick breath'?

Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

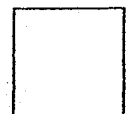
I gaspd when I saw Toots in it, looking right at me. I strode off to search for Grandpa.

(A)

(B)

For question 37 to question 39, refer to paragraphs 5 and 6. Read each statement and tick 'True' or 'False'. The first example has been done for you. [3m]

Statements		True	False
Example	Grandpa brought Toots back to life.		✓
37.	John thought that the tortoise in the box was Toots.		
38.	Aunt did not know about Grandpa's secret.		
39.	Grandpa wanted the author to keep the fact that he had bought a new tortoise for John a secret.		



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Section I: Comprehension [2] (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 40 to 46.

Calady's father, the king, announced a quest to decide which of his two children would be the next ruler. Each of them was to bring him the most valuable thing in the kingdom. Calady's brother, Richard, headed for the Fountain of Healing but Calady decided not to go on the quest. Everyone waited for weeks but Richard did not return. Calady knew those who failed the test at the fountain would turn to stone. Worried, she slipped out of the castle to 5 look for him.

Calady set off on her horse and a few days later, she came upon the beautiful fountain. Leaning against a nearby tree was Richard, turned to stone. He was holding a flask to his lips. Calady noticed a signboard by the fountain. It read, "Not for yourself."

Realising what had happened, she scooped up some water and dripped it onto her 10 brother's lips. He blinked and stared at her blankly. "You can only take the water for someone else," she said, pointing to the signboard. Richard explained, "I was too thirsty." Calady filled her brother's flask at the fountain. "I took the water for you so it should be safe to drink," she told Richard. After Richard had quenched his thirst, the siblings started on their journey home.

Finally, they reached the castle. The king asked about the quest. Richard presented 15 the king with the water from the Fountain of Healing. The king was pleased. Then, he turned to his daughter.

"What treasure do you bring?" the king asked, looking at Calady's empty hands.

"She brings me. She saved me," Richard explained.

"Indeed, my children are the most precious to me. Hail my successor," the king 20 announced. Everyone, including Richard, clapped as the king took off his crown and placed it on Calady's head.

Adapted from 'Calady's Quest' by Teresa Bateman

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For question 40, write 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets.

40. The king wanted his children to look for _____. [1m]

- (1) the next ruler
- (2) the signboard
- (3) the Fountain of Healing
- (4) the most valuable thing

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41. Which two-word phrase in paragraph 1 showed that no one saw Calady leaving the castle? [1m]

42. What had happened to Richard when Calady found him? [1m]
[Write your answer using a complete sentence / complete sentences.]

43. These are some statements that describe Calady's actions. Put them in the right sequence, according to the flow in the story. Write 1, 2 and 3 on the lines. [1m]

- _____ She found the Fountain of Healing.
- _____ She put some drops of water on Richard's lips.
- _____ She read the signboard beside the fountain.

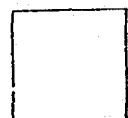
44. Refer to line 13. Why was the water safe for Richard to drink? [2m]
[Write your answer using a complete sentence / complete sentences.]

45. Which treasure, the water from the Fountain of Healing or Richard, was more important to the king? Why was it so? [2m]

46. State whether each sentence below is True or False. Give a reason for your answer. [2m]
[Write your reasons using complete sentences.]

Sentence	True / False	Reason
(a) After his announcement, the king made Calady the new ruler.		
(b) Richard was unhappy that he was not the new ruler.		

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ANSWER KEY

YEAR : 2018
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 SUBJECT : ENGLISH
 TERM : SA2

BOOKLET A

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

BOOKLET B

Q17	A	Q20	E	Q23	goes
Q18	F	Q21	is	Q24	last
Q19	C	Q22	happens		

Q25 Miss Tan whose company has many stores is a rich woman.

Q26 Alvin likes neither horror stories nor science fiction movies.

Q27 with

Q28 each

Q29 release

Q30 it

Q31 ☒ prodded its shell

☒ put his ear against its shell

Actions	Grandpa	John	The author
32. comforted his brother			✓
33. promised to have Toots up and about	✓		

Q34 (B)

Q35 ☒ check if it was alive

Q36 (A)

Q37 True

Q38 False

Q39 True

Q40 (4)

Q41 slipped out

Q42 Richard had turned to stone

Q43

1 She found the Fountain of Healing.

3 She put some drops of water on Richard's lips.

2 She read the signboard beside the fountain.

Q44 The water at the fountain could only be safe if a person took the water for someone else. Calady took the water for Richard so it would be safe for him to drink.

Q45 The king said that his children were more precious.

Q46

- a) True - After the king made his announcement , he placed the crown on Calady's head.
- b) False - Richard clapped.

THE END