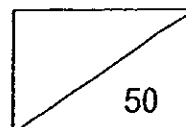




HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
2012 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION ONE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY FOUR



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Duration of Paper: 1h 15 min

SECTION A: VOCABULARY (6 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

1. Mr Kunalan _____ to the finishing line to win the gold medal in the 100-metres running race.

(1) jumps
(2) sprints
(3) swam
(4) waddled

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2. The _____ in the stadium cheer loudly as the runners cross the finishing line.

(1) audience
(2) onlookers
(3) spectators
(4) viewers

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3. The police came to _____ the crowd that had formed around the scene of the accident.

(1) break down
(2) break off
(3) break out
(4) break up

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4. The children were very quiet as they walked _____ to the examination hall.
 (1) anxiously
 (2) blindly
 (3) gleefully
 (4) smugly ()
5. Mrs Lam puts a _____ of sugar into her cup of tea.
 (1) bowl
 (2) handful
 (3) sack
 (4) teaspoon ()
6. Charlie felt _____ when he won the first prize in the story-telling competition
 (1) alarmed
 (2) elated
 (3) disappointed
 (4) dismal ()

SECTION B: Grammar (8 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

7. All the boys, except Steven, _____ to play football every evening.
 (1) like
 (2) likes
 (3) liked
 (4) liking ()
8. That is the lady _____ son won the Chess Championship.
 (1) that
 (2) which
 (3) who
 (4) whose ()
9. The band _____ for three hours every day to prepare for their performance at the Singapore Youth Festival.
 (1) practise
 (2) practises
 (3) practised
 (4) practising ()

10. Only _____ of us had been to the Science Exhibition last year.
(1) many
(2) much
(3) a few
(4) a little ()
11. You _____ always tell the truth even if you get yourself in trouble.
(1) might
(2) ought
(3) should
(4) would ()
12. Both Emma and Daniel _____ making ice-cream during the Home Economics lesson.
(1) enjoy
(2) enjoys
(3) has enjoyed
(4) was enjoying ()
13. The angry customers wrote letters _____ complain to the restaurant manager.
(1) by
(2) in
(3) of
(4) to ()
14. You cannot go to the party _____ you have completed your chores.
(1) because
(2) if
(3) unless
(4) when ()

SECTION C: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 2 marks)

Read the following passage and select the best answer for each question. Write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

Every afternoon, as the children were going home from school, they used to stop and play in the Giant's garden. The garden was large and lovely. It had lush green grass and beautiful flowers blossomed everywhere. The birds sat on the trees and sang so sweetly that the children would stop their games to listen to them.

One day, the Giant returned. When he arrived, he saw the children playing in his garden. "What are you doing here?" he shouted in a very gruff voice, "This is my garden and I will not allow anybody to play in it. Go away!" Hearing this, the terrified children ran away. Soon, the Giant built a high wall with an iron gate all around the garden. On the gate, the Giant put up a sign 'Trespassers will be prosecuted'.

Then spring came and all over the country, there were blossoms and birds rejoicing. However in the garden of the Giant, it was still winter. The birds did not care to sing in it as there were no children and the trees forgot to blossom. The Giant sat at his window and stared at his cold white garden. He could not understand why spring was late. He waited and waited but spring never came.

One morning, the Giant heard some lovely melody. It had been so long since he had heard a bird singing. He rushed to the window and noticed that the children had crept into his garden through a hole in the wall. They were playing and sitting in the trees. The trees were so happy that they began to blossom again. The birds were flying about and twittering with delight and the flowers were looking up through the green grass.

The Giant was so happy that he knocked down the wall and declared, "This is your garden now, little children." When the people walked past the garden, they could see the Giant playing with the children in the most beautiful garden they had ever seen.

15. The children ran away from the garden because _____.
- (1) the Giant chased them away
 - (2) they were going home from school
 - (3) they had found another garden to play in
 - (4) the Giant built a high wall all around the garden ()
16. The Giant built a wall with an iron gate around the garden to _____.
- (1) keep the children within it
 - (2) stop winter from affecting it
 - (3) protect his garden from pests
 - (4) prevent trespassers from entering ()
17. The trees were happy again because _____.
- (1) they remembered to blossom
 - (2) the birds started to sing again
 - (3) the wall was torn down in spring
 - (4) the children returned to play in the garden ()
18. The children managed to enter the garden by _____.
- (1) breaking down the wall
 - (2) climbing over the iron gate
 - (3) breaking through the iron gate
 - (4) crawling through a hole in the wall ()
19. In the beginning of the story, the giant was selfish but he changed and became _____ by the end of the story.
- (1) dishonest
 - (2) generous
 - (3) humble
 - (4) ungrateful ()

SECTION D: Grammar Cloze (4 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) by	(B) were	(C) on
(D) of	(E) was	(F) in

Top spinning was a traditional game popular among Malays in the past.

During the rice-ripening season, such contests (20) _____ held in the rural area. It was believed that the spinning tops would help bring forth a good harvest.

The tops can be made (21) _____ either soft wood or hard fruit.

A string is tightly wound around a nail at the base of the top. The game can be played individually or (22) _____ teams. A circular boundary is marked (23) _____ the ground. The winner of the game is the player who is able to spin the top the longest within the circular boundary.



SECTION E: Grammar (4 x 1 mark)

Underline the correct words in the passage below.

Roy arrived early at school. He had signed up for the Home Economics workshop and was 24. (waited / waiting / excitedly / for the teacher to arrive. It would be his first time learning to 25. (prepare / prepared) a dish by himself.

When the teacher arrived, she announced that they would be making Omelette Rice. It was one of Roy's favourite dishes. At 26. (first / last), he had difficulty following the recipe. Nevertheless, he 27. (perseveres / persevered) and was able to cook a decent dish of Omelette Rice. The rice actually tasted better than the one sold in the school's canteen.



SECTION F: Editing (4 x 1 marks)

Each of the underlined words contain either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in the boxes provided.

A printing company caught fire last night. The fire started on the third floor

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when a member of the staff carelessly throw his lighted cigarette on the floor in one

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of the printing rooms while he was taking a brake. His careless action caused a huge fire.

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The fire spread rapidly throughout the room. Under a few minutes, the

building was engulfed by fire. Fire-fighters took two hours to put out the fire.

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The paremediks rushed several workers to the hospital for treatment.

Fortunately, most of the staff had gone home before the fire broke out.

SECTION G: Synthesis (2 x 2 marks)

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).

32. Sally does not know how to play hopscotch. Jeremy also does not know how to play hopscotch.

33. We found our front door opened. We called for the police.



SECTION H: Comprehension Open-Ended Questions (5 x 2 marks)

Read the following passage carefully.

In the past few years, thousands of children from war-torn countries have been seeking refuge by making their way to Europe. Very often, they have to travel without their ^{asking for help} parents and under no supervision from any adults. Yet, these children decide to make this long and treacherous journey because it is even riskier for them to stay in their countries as war, extreme poverty and the constant fear of abuse have made their lives unbearable. They leave their hometowns with the vague hope that Europe will offer them a better life.

Thirteen-year-old cousins, Sohrab and Morteza, recently told the *Guardian* newspaper their story. They had lived in Afghanistan, a place where conditions are especially bad. In fact, a report by *Unicef* has described this country as the world's most dangerous place for a child. Children often get caught in the crossfire. As such, thousands have been maimed in the battles. Others are kidnapped and forced to become child workers. This non-stop violence has also meant that many of them have to go without proper food, water, medical care and education.

After Sohrab and Morteza had lost their parents in the blasts, relatives thought it would be better if the boys joined an uncle in Europe. However, it was not as easy as getting on a plane and flying there. Matters were also complicated as the boys did not have the necessary documents nor sufficient money to allow them to migrate to another country. The only way to reach their destination was to travel by land and then smuggle themselves into the country without being caught by the immigration authorities.

Adapted from 'What's Up' newspaper, 2012

All answers must be in complete sentences.

34. Why do children from war-torn countries make their way to Europe?

35. How has Unicef described Afghanistan in its report?

36. Which word in the passage indicates that the children were seriously wounded?

37. What happened to Sohrab's and Morteza's parents?

38. Why do you think Sohrab and Morteza had to smuggle themselves into Europe?

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ANSWER SHEET

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TERM : SA1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
2	3	4	1	4	2	1	4	1	3	3	1	4	3	1	4	4

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23
4	2	B	D	F	C

24)waiting 25)prepare 26)first 27)persevered

28)threw 29)break 30)Within 31)paramedics

32)Neither Sally nor Jeremy knows how to play hopscotch.

33)We called for the police when we found our front door opened.

34)The children from war-torn countries make their way to Europe as they hope that Europe will offer them a better life.

35)Unicef has described Afghanistan as the world's most dangerous place for a child.

36)The word is 'maimed'.

37)Sohrab's and Morteza's parents died in the blasts.

38)They did not have sufficient money and necessary documents to migrate Europe.

