



**HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
2013 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION TWO
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY FOUR**

	Marks	
Part I		14
Part II		36
Total		50

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Class: 4 _____

Duration of Paper: 1h 15min

PART I

SECTION A: Grammar MCQ (8 x 1 mark)

For questions 1-14, choose the correct answer and write its number (1,2,3 or 4) in the brackets. Then shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

1. The boy did not keep all the candies for _____ but shared them with his sisters.
 (1) himself
 (2) herself
 (3) ourselves
 (4) themselves ()

2. Michael and his friend, Rajen _____ going to the police station to give their statements about the road accident now.
 (1) is
 (2) are
 (3) was
 (4) were ()

3. The four friends _____ so distressed when they could not find their canoe.
 (1) is
 (2) are
 (3) was
 (4) were ()

4. Mother says, "Millie and her friends _____ out at the orphanage this afternoon."
 (1) is helping
 (2) are helping
 (3) was helping
 (4) were helping ()

5. Yesterday, Guntur _____ his brother to a match to find out who was stronger.
- (1) challenges
(2) challenged
(3) have challenged
(4) were challenging ()
6. Ali and I _____ dinner when we heard a strange noise coming from the living room.
- (1) prepared
(2) will prepare
(3) have prepared
(4) were preparing ()
7. I bought _____ crate of lemons over there so that we could make and sell lemonade at the fair.
- (1) this
(2) that
(3) these
(4) those ()
8. Peter is feeling happy that _____ of his problems have been solved.
- (1) any
(2) little
(3) many
(4) none ()

SECTION B: Vocabulary MCQ (6 x 1 mark)

9. Mary unfolded the _____ and covered herself with it as she was feeling cold.
- (1) bolster
(2) duvet
(3) pillow
(4) mattress ()
10. The giant panda _____ around its habitat chewing on its bamboo shoot.
- (1) hovers
(2) lumbers
(3) slithers
(4) vaults ()

11. Those antique _____ vases sold at that shop cost a fortune as they were believed to be from the 16th century.

(1) paper
(2) plastic
(3) porcelain
(4) plasticine

()

12. Mum asked us to purchase the _____ needed to prepare her signature dish.

(1) appetisers
(2) desserts
(3) ingredients
(4) servings

()

13. Siti will _____ her grandparents and help them to clean their apartment fortnightly.

(1) call in
(2) call on
(3) call up
(4) call for

()

14. Cindy is still _____ by the images of the accident that she had witnessed.

(1) haunted
(2) illuminated
(3) pictured
(4) visualised

()

PART II**SECTION C: Grammar Cloze 1 (4 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 A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) its	(B) your	(C) him
(D) you	(E) them	(F) our

Sam stepped into the pet shop and looked around excitedly. His mother had promised to get (15) _____ a dog if he did well for his examinations.

Sam caught sight of a terrier which was wagging (16) _____ tail at him. Sam decided that was what he wanted.

"Remember to spend time with (17) _____ dog," reminded the shopkeeper. "Owning pets is not an easy task as you have to shower (18) _____ with lots of love and concern.

Sam promised to take good care of his pet!

Grammar Cloze 2 (4 x 1 mark)

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

The day that I have been waiting for has finally arrived. Today (19) [is / was] my school's annual Sports Day. Many of my friends (20) [has / have] won trophies and medals at the last Sports Day and I cannot wait to win one for myself. My mother will be there to (21) [support / supports] me.

Last year, I was confident that I could (22) [win / won] a trophy but I fell ill on the day of the event. I will try harder this year.



SECTION D: Vocabulary Cloze (4 x 1 mark)

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

Devi woke up and realised she was alone at home. She got out of
(23) _____ and saw the note from her mother. Her mother had
written that she had to rush off to work as she had to (24) _____
an urgent meeting. She informed Devi that she had left some
(25) _____ on the dressing table for Devi to buy lunch for herself.

Devi got dressed and headed to the coffee shop near her house. She ordered her
(26) _____ chicken rice as she liked the dish a lot. Devi wished
that she could have it everyday.



SECTION E: Synthesis (4 x 1 mark)

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.

Example: Prince Zak tried to get his ball back. He did not succeed.

Prince Zak tried to get his ball back but did not succeed.

27. My sisters and I stopped putting up the decorations. It was time for dinner.

_____ so

28. Carol went to the shopping centre. The shopping centre sold designer bags.

_____ where

29. Mr Tan is still giving out the worksheets. The bell has rung.

Although _____

30. Alan does not have enough money to buy that painting. His sister does not have enough money to buy that painting.

Neither _____



SECTION F: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

One day, a king who would not eat a meal without fish found that there was no fish for him that day. He summoned his prime minister and asked him why it was so. The prime minister informed the king that there was a great storm and therefore the fishermen were afraid to go out to sea.

The king immediately summoned all of his subjects informing them that whoever brought him fish would receive their utmost desire.

One day, a valiant fisherman caught a gargantuan fish and happily hurried to the king's palace.

"I've got a fish for the king," he told the prime minister.

"I see, but if you don't give me half of what you get, I won't let you in," said the prime minister.

The fisherman agreed and went to see the king. The king was happy to receive the fish. After he had eaten, he asked the fisherman what he wanted.

"Two dozen strokes of the cane," the fisherman replied. The king was puzzled but still gave the fisherman what he asked for. When the fisherman had received twelve strokes, he stepped aside and told the king that the other twelve strokes should be given to the prime minister!

31. Which word has the same meaning as 'called'? Circle either (A) or (B).

[1m]

He summoned his prime minister and asked him why it was so.
(A) (B)

For Q32-33, decide what the king did when he realised that he had no fish to eat. Tick (✓) your chosen answer. The first example has been done for you.

[2m]

Statement		YES	NO
Example	The king ordered the prime minister to bring him a fish.		✓
32.	The king issued a challenge to his subjects to bring him a fish.		
33.	The king gave twelve strokes of the cane to all the fishermen who could not bring him any fish.		

34. What does the phrase 'utmost desire' in paragraph 2 mean?

[1m]

It means _____

35. Which word has the same meaning as 'big'? Circle either (A) or (B).

[1m]

One day, a valiant fisherman caught a gargantuan fish and happily hurried to the king's palace.
(A) (B)



For Q36-37, tick (✓) whether the statements describe the fisherman or the prime minister. The first example has been done for you.

[2m]

Statement		Prime Minister.	Fisherman.
Example	He told the king that there was a great storm at sea.	✓	
36.	He wanted a reward from the king without working hard.		
37.	He pleased the king by getting the king what he wanted.		

38. Why did the fisherman ask the king to cane the prime minister?
Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

[1m]

☒	The fisherman wanted to thank the prime minister.
☐	The prime minister asked to share the fisherman's reward.
☐	The king was angry with the prime minister for lying to him.

39. What kind of person would you say the prime minister is?

[2m]

He is (i)

(ii)



SECTION G: Comprehension 2 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

In Hebei province of northern China lived the Foolish Old Man. His house stood on the south side of two towering mountain peaks. They made his life miserable. Their long shadows shortened his day, so his crops did not grow well. Their great height meant he either had to make a long detour around them to get to the markets on the other side or a hard and tiring climb to get around.

One day, the peeved old man decided that enough was enough. He told his sons it was time they got rid of the mountains. With spades in hand, they began to dig up the two mountains. His daughters-in-law and even his grandchildren helped to carry away basket after basket of earth and rocks.

Another man, known as the Wise Old Man, lived on the opposite side of the mountains. He thought well of himself as the decisions he had made in life were always the right ones. He heard of their efforts and came to see them.

"No wonder they call you the Foolish Old Man!" he chuckled. "Why waste your time and effort trying to dig up these enormous mountains? It is totally impossible!"

The Foolish Old Man did not let this get to him. He ignored the Wise Old Man and carried on digging.

Adapted from: Stories for Moral Education (Juniors) by Roger Jenkins

40. State two ways in which the tall mountains made the Foolish Old Man's life miserable.

[2m]

i) _____

ii) _____

41. Write one word from paragraph 2 that expresses the same feeling as 'annoyed'.

[1m]

42. Order the sentences below according to what happened to the Foolish Old Man in the story. Number the sentences (1, 2 and 3) in the boxes provided.

[3m]

i)	The Foolish Old Man got his family to help him remove the mountains.	
ii)	The towering mountains were a hindrance to the Foolish Old Man.	
iii)	The Foolish Old Man was not affected by the Wise Old Man's mockery.	



43. State whether each sentence below is True or False. Give a reason for your answer. [2m]

Sentence	True / False	Reason
i) Only the Foolish Old Man's sons and grandchildren helped him dig up the mountains.		
ii) The Wise Old Man stayed on the north side of the tall mountains.		

44. What does the word 'this' in the last paragraph refer to? [1m]

45. What quality can we admire of the Foolish Old Man? [1m]

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Remember to check your work!

Setter: Ms Sabrina



ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2013

SCHOOL : HENRY PARK

SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH

TERM : SA2

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

Q18
E

Q19) is

Q20) have

Q21) support

Q22) win

Q23) bed

Q24) attend

Q25) money

Q26) favourite

Q27) It was time for dinner so my sisters and I stopped putting up the decorations.

Q28) Carol went to the shopping centre where designer bags were sold.

Q29) Although the bell has rung, Mr Tan is still giving out the worksheets.

Q30) Neither Alan nor his sister has enough money to buy that painting.

Q31) (A)

Q32) Yes

Q33) No

Q34) It means what one really wants.

Q35) (B)

Q36) Prime Minister

Q37) Fisherman

Q38) The prime minister asked to share the fisherman's reward.

Q39) Greedy/unfair/lazy/cunning/selfish

Q40i) The tall mountains' long shadows shortened his day, thus his crops did not grow well.

Q40ii) The tall mountains' great height meant that the Foolish Old Man could only either make a long detour around them to get to the markets on the other side or a hard and tiring climb up the mountains to get around.

Q41) Peeved

Q42i) 2

Q42ii) 1

Q42iii) 3

Q43i) False; His daughters-in-law had also helped to dig up the mountains.

Q43ii) True; The wise old man stayed at the opposite side of the Foolish Old Man.

Q44) It refers to the Wise Old Man's insult.

Q45) determination