

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2
PRIMARY 4
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2

24 OCTOBER 2016

Name: _____ ()

Class: Teamwork _____

Parent's Signature

Total time: 1h 15min

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your Name, Class and Register No. in the spaces provided above.
2. DO NOT turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.
(Section A – B) (Questions 1 – 14)
6. Write all your answers in this booklet. (Section C – G) (Questions 15 – 42)

Marks (Section A – B) :	14
Marks (Section C – G) :	36
Total Marks:	50

This booklet consists of 12 printed pages, excluding the cover page.

Section A: Vocabulary (6 marks)

For each question from 1 to 6, 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.

1. Hold the bowl firmly or you may _____ the soup on the floor.

- (1) pour
 - (2) scatter
 - (3) spill
 - (4) trickle
- ()

2. John was _____ to finish the race even though he was injured.

- (1) competent
 - (2) determined
 - (3) devoted
 - (4) persistent
- ()

3. Jebez came to school despite the slight _____ in his stomach.

- (1) discomfort
 - (2) sting
 - (3) restlessness
 - (4) unease
- ()

4. He takes _____ in his work making sure he always writes neatly.

- (1) grace
 - (2) pleasure
 - (3) pride
 - (4) strength
- ()

5. The _____ criminal responsible for many crimes has been arrested by the police.

- (1) critical
 - (2) famous
 - (3) confident
 - (4) notorious
- ()

6. The president's funeral was a _____ ceremony. We had a minute of silence in memory of the person who passed away.

- (1) significant
- (2) severe
- (3) solemn
- (4) stern

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Section B: Grammar (8 marks)

For each question from 7 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.

7. My brother and I bought the video game for _____ with the pocket money we saved for the last two weeks.

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

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8. Eating more fruit and vegetable _____ good for health.

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

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9. _____ relatives I visited last year are coming to Singapore for a visit.

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

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10. We have _____ time to waste as the ceremony is about to begin.

- (1) no
- (2) little
- (3) many
- (4) a lot of

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11. During the PE lesson yesterday, Peter _____ chosen to lead his team in the inter-class basketball competition.

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

12. Ruby _____ to her sunflower in the garden. I can see her there now.

- (1) tends
 - (2) tended
 - (3) is tending
 - (4) was tendng
- ()

13. While we _____ lunch in the restaurant, my sister saw a rat and gave a loud scream.

- (1) have
 - (2) have had
 - (3) will have
 - (4) were having
- ()

14. My sister _____ pleasantly surprised when she heard she came in first in the writing competition.

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

Section C: Grammar Cloze (8 marks)

Read Passage 1 carefully and answer questions 15 to 18. 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.

Passage 1

(A) it

(B) me

(C) we

(D) you

(E) they

(F) us

Have you ever touched a snake? Many people imagine that its skin is

rough but if (15) _____ have ever had the opportunity, you will realise

that (16) _____ is actually quite smooth when stroked towards the tail.

You might not believe (17) _____ but should believe your own senses.

Join me and let (18) _____ go to the zoo and we can touch one.

Read Passage 2 carefully and answer questions 19 to 22. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

Passage 2

Below is a Values In Action announcement made by a group of students.

Good morning, everyone. This week is Racial Harmony Week. Our class

(19) [has / have] set up a few booths outside the canteen. Please

(20) [visit / visited] the booths during your recess. We will have some games for

you to try out. As you (21) [play / plays] these games, you will learn more about

racial harmony.

We hope you (22) [enjoy / enjoys] the games.

Come to our booths!

Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (4 marks)

There are four blanks numbered 23 to 26 in the passage below. Choose the most suitable word and fill in each blank.

The Escape room was dark. Jack and his team worked excitedly. They had to
(23) _____ out the combination of the lock. He was desperate to
(24) _____ the puzzle that would give them the number combination.
Then the bell rang and the group groaned in frustration. They had run out of time.
"Well, we gave it our (25) _____ shot," Jack tried to encourage
the group. However, it did not (26) _____ to have had any effect
judging from the frowns on the faces of his group mates.

Section E: Sentence Manipulation / Combining (4 marks)

For questions 27 to 30, combine the sentences to make one sentence using the word(s) given. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the sentences given.

27. I have got new shoes. John has got new shoes too.

Both _____

28. You cannot watch the movie. You have not bought a ticket yet.

_____ unless

29. Alvin has had a good day. He is smiling from ear to ear.

_____ such _____ that

30. I did not see James today. I also did not see his brothers.

Neither _____ nor

Section F: Comprehension (10 marks)

Study the passage carefully and answer questions 31 to 36.

Earthquakes

Earthquakes are one of the most devastating natural disasters Man has had to experience. They are also among the scariest as they can happen without warning. They also cause terrible destruction to the cities we live in, causing cracks in the ground and landslides.

Earthquakes are the cause of other natural disasters like tsunamis. Thus, a city that is left suffering from one catastrophe can be faced with another minutes later. Haiti faced such a tragedy in 2010. What was worse is the fact that tsunamis rarely occur in the Caribbean Sea where Haiti lies. The people were unprepared for the double disaster. The cities are still being rebuilt but slowly due to corruption. Many people still live in tents six years after losing their homes despite global charity drives.

We in Singapore may feel that we are safe from such natural disasters. We are surrounded by islands which protect us from tsunamis. Though we do not live in an earthquake zone, many people live in high-rise housing. The tops of tall buildings sway at even the slightest tremor in nearby places. While those who live nearer the ground may not feel a tremor, those who live higher up may feel a moment of giddiness and experience the shock of seeing their hanging lamps swinging from side to side.

(219 words)

For Q31-32, choose ONE of the options. Tick ✓ your chosen answer. [2]

31. The Haiti earthquake was made worse because _____.

☐	it was followed by a tsunami
☐	people were unprepared for it
☐	people are still living in tents

32. Many people in Haiti are still living in tents because _____.

☐	there were not enough charity drives
☐	reconstruction is slow
☐	officials have no money

For Q33, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". The first example has been done for you. [2]

	Statement	True	False
Example	Earthquakes cause other natural disasters.	✓	
33	Earthquake have occurred in Singapore.		
	Some have experienced tremors in Singapore.		

(ii) For questions 34 to 36, write your answers in the spaces provided. (6 marks)

34. Which word from Paragraph 1 also means overwhelming? [2]

35. Why do Singaporeans feel safe from natural disasters? [2]

36. How might a Singaporean know an earthquake is happening? [2]

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Section G: Comprehension (10 marks)

Study the passage carefully and answer questions 37 to 42. Write your answers in complete sentences.

Our former Elected President, Mr Sellapan Ramanathan passed away on 22 August 2016. He was 92. His life had many unexpected turns as he penned in the book about his life "An Unexpected Journey: Path to the Presidency".	
Born in Singapore on 3 July in 1924, Mr Nathan, as he was commonly known, had a comfortable life as the son of a law clerk. However, due to unforeseen circumstances, his father quitted the company and started drinking. He spent most of the little money he earned on liquor. He finally committed suicide.	5
As Mr Nathan's family had no money, they lost their home. His aunt gave his family a place to stay. Just as life was getting better, he was accused of stealing textbooks and expelled from school. He ran away to Malaya. Then the Japanese invaded Malaya.	10
During the Japanese Occupation in the Second World War, the teenage Nathan learned to speak Japanese from reading an English-Japanese dictionary. His Japanese language skills got him a job in Johor. This led to him becoming the assistant and interpreter to the head of the Japanese police and his life improved.	15
After the war, Mr Nathan became a civil servant, but in 1964, he caught the eye of Singapore's leaders when against the odds, he helped Singapore to get into an international organisation by winning over the officials. Every time there was a tricky situation that required someone dependable, his name would be mentioned.	20
He finally became our longest serving president in 1999, starting the President's Challenge to help the less fortunate. Through him, the presidency became the most powerful fund-raising operation in the country.	25
(273 words)	

37. After quitting the company, what happened to Mr Nathan's father? [2]



38. Which word in Paragraph 1 shows you that Mr Nathan is no longer our president? [1]

☐

39. Which 2-word phrase in paragraph 2 means something unexpected happened? [1]

☐

40. What talent did Mr Nathan have that allowed him to pick up Japanese from a dictionary? [2]

☐

41. State whether each sentence below is True or False. Give a reason for your answer. [3]

Sentence	True/False	Reason
i) Mr Nathan wrote about his life.		
ii) Mr Nathan was a problem solver.		
iii) Mr Nathan was in trouble as a teenager.		

42. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to show what happened first, next and last in the passage. [1]

_____ Mr Nathan learnt Japanese.

_____ Mr Nathan was expelled.

_____ Mr Nathan ran away to Malaya.

ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2016 (P4)

SCHOOL : PEI HWA

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA2

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
3	2	3	3	4	3	3	1	4	1
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	3	4	3	D	A	B	F	have	visit
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26				
play	enjoy	work	solve	best	seem				

27)Both John and I have got new shoes.

28)You cannot watch the movie unless you have bought a ticket.

29)Alvin has had such a good day that he is smiling from ear to ear.

30)Neither James nor his brothers were seen by me today.

31)it was followed by a tsunami

32)reconstruction is slow

33)False / True

34)devastating

35)Singapore is surrounded by islands and it is not in an earthquake zone.

36)A Singaporean might feel giddy and see hanging lamps swinging side by side.

37)He started drinking and then committed suicide.

38)former

39)unforeseen circumstances

40)He was able to learn a language from reading an English-Japanese dictionary.

41)i)True / Mr Nathan penned in the book about own life which was called "An Unexpected Journey: Path to the Presidency".

ii)True / Mr Nathan helped Singapore to get into an international organization by winning against the officials, and every time there was a tricky situation which depended on someone dependable his name would be mentioned.

iii)False / Mr Nathan's Japanese language skills got him to be the assistant and interpreter to the head of the Japanese police.

42)3, 1, 2