



PEI HWA PRESBYTERIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1

PRIMARY 4
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2

8 MAY 2018

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 – C) (Questions 1 – 21)
6. Write all your answers in this booklet. (Section D – G) (Questions 22 – 47)

Marks (Section A – C) :	21
Marks (Section D – G) :	29
Total Marks:	50

This booklet consists of 14 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. The librarian told such a _____ story that all the pupils laughed till their sides ached.

(1) thrilling
(2) hilarious
(3) disgusting
(4) frightening

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2. Joanne will need to follow the _____ in order to cook her lunch successfully.

(1) idea
(2) recipe
(3) apparatus
(4) ingredients

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3. The pupils _____ breathlessly after climbing the steep Bukit Timah Hill.

(1) panted
(2) uttered
(3) gasped
(4) moaned

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4. When the police officers and the paramedics arrived at the scene of the accident, they asked the crowd to _____ instantly.

(1) depart
(2) dismiss
(3) disperse
(4) disappear

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5. John's stomach kept _____ after missing breakfast.

(1) beating
(2) growling
(3) quivering
(4) pounding

6. Despite the huge fire, it was really _____ of Mike to save his sister from the burning building.

(1) smart
(2) foolish
(3) reckless
(4) courageous

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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. The table-tennis team players _____ holding a party tomorrow as they want to celebrate their win at the finals.

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

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8. Please wait for a while. Madam Aisha will be back in _____ minutes.

(1) some
(2) many
(3) a few
(4) a little

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9. John has to _____ home because he is having chicken pox.

(1) stay
(2) stays
(3) stayed
(4) staying

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10. Aunt Jane baked some cookies for the children and they shared them among _____.

(1) herself
(2) ourselves
(3) yourselves
(4) themselves

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11. "Please stop reading your books and listen. Miss Tay _____ the school now," the form teacher told the pupils.

(1) addresses
(2) is addressing
(3) was addressing
(4) were addressing

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12. Jane has been jogging _____ seven o'clock in the morning. She is not back yet.

(1) at
(2) on
(3) after
(4) since

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13. We are looking forward to an exciting experience _____ my family has never been to New Zealand.

(1) so
(2) but
(3) unless
(4) because

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14. It is essential that pupils learn to put across their ideas in a clear and respectful manner _____ any group discussion.

(1) at
(2) in
(3) over
(4) towards

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Section C: Visual Text Comprehension (7 marks)

Study the advertisement carefully and answer questions 15 to 21.



Young Storymakers Camp

School holiday activities by Smartkidsasia

What was life like for a war reporter in World War II?

Primary school pupils are invited to go on a learning journey with SmartKids Asia that will cover History, English and Photography.

To commemorate the 76th anniversary of the fall of Singapore, these young explorers will step into the shoes of a war reporter at the camp.

Programme Highlights:

Registration is now open!

From Friday, June 1 to Thursday, June 14

Photography

Age Requirement: 7 to 9 years
Class Size: maximum 15

- Capture unique photos at The Battlebox
- Learn what it takes to create an engaging photostory

Journalism

Age Requirement: 10 to 12 years
Class Size: maximum 15

- Gain basic news reporting techniques taught by ST journalists
- Boost confidence and communication skills through hands-on activities

Adventure

Age Requirement: 7 to 12 years
Class Size: maximum 20

- Experience the trauma and dangers of war from the Changi War Trail
- Understand war and occupation from show galleries, exhibits and artefacts at Changi Prison Museum

*** Programme Information:**

Dates: 16 and 17 June

Time: 8am – 6pm

Participants: Primary Students

Sponsor:
Kanon Camera

Please visit our website at www.smartkidsasia.com to register.
Please contact Miss Jeslyn at 67761255 for more information.

For each question from 15 to 21, 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 marks)

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

- (1) know more about the fall of Singapore
- (2) attract the juniors to sign up for the camp
- (3) learn the basic news reporting techniques
- (4) boost confidence and communication skills

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16. According to the programme highlights, 9-year-old Jennifer can attend the _____ programmes.

- (1) Adventure and Journalism
- (2) Adventure and Photography
- (3) Journalism and Photography
- (4) Adventure, Journalism and Photography

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17. The main aim of the Young Storymakers Camp is _____.

- (1) to visit the Changi Prison Museum
- (2) to teach photography skills to primary students
- (3) to conduct lessons during the school holidays
- (4) for primary students to experience being young explorers and step into the shoes of a war reporter

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18. If students signed up for the Adventure programme, they will _____.

- (1) create engaging photostories
- (2) learn reporting techniques
- (3) go through hands-on activities to boost confidence
- (4) visit the galleries, exhibits and artefacts at Changi Prison Museum

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19. The last day of registration is _____.

- (1) 1 June
- (2) 14 June
- (3) 16 June
- (4) 17 June

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20. To sign up for the classes, one must _____.

- (1) register through the website
- (2) register personally at the camp
- (3) call Miss Jeslyn at 6776 1255
- (4) attend the ones they are interested in

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21. Which of these statements is true about Young Storymakers Camp?

- (1) The camp organiser is Kanon.
- (2) The class size is the same for the different programmes.
- (3) Only pupils from primary schools can sign up for the programmes.
- (4) The Learning Journey will cover History, Mathematics and Photography.

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Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (6 marks)

There are four blanks numbered 22 to 27 in the passage below.
Choose the most suitable word and fill in each blank.

A group of workers was resting against a tree near Outram Park MRT Station on Thursday evening when they stumbled upon a grenade. The workers called the police and the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF). The soldiers were activated to conduct an (22) _____.

Working through the night, they managed to remove the grenade and it was safely disposed seven hours (23) _____. Throughout their work, the police (24) _____ off the area, keeping the area free from passers-by.

In a Facebook post, the SAF put (25) _____ pictures of the grenade (26) _____. It thanked the soldiers for keeping Singapore (27) _____ and peaceful. War relics such as this grenade have been found from time to time, usually within construction areas.

The last reported discovery was in January, when empty World War II bomb cases were found on a construction site near Bukit Timah.

Source: War relic uncovered

Section E: Grammar Cloze (8 marks)

Read the two passages carefully and answer questions 28 to 35. Choose the correct word from the words given in the boxes and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. Use each word ONCE only.

Passage 1

(A) has	(B) I	(C) have
(D) are	(E) is	(F) me

Hello everyone! I am a cockroach and my name is Rizzy. I am brown and black with fine, long feelers. I (28)_____ a pair of strong wings which helps me to fly.

My activities (29)_____ at night when almost everyone in the neighbourhood (30)_____ asleep. My friends and (31)_____ enjoy looking for food in the rubbish bin. That is if I do not get killed by my enemies.

Adapted from text: 'My life as a cockroach' by Loo Yin Ting (2003)

Passage 2

(A) ate	(B) eat	(C) eats
(D) eaten	(E) is eating	(F) was eating

Mary stepped out of the food centre where she had just (32) _____ her lunch. A frail-looking old man came up to her and pleaded, "Please give me some money to buy some food to (33) _____." Mary took pity on the old man and bought a plate of chicken rice for him. He quickly (34) _____ up all the rice hungrily. While the old man (35) _____, Mary wondered what had happened to him.

Section F: Sentence Manipulation / Combining (5 marks)

For questions 36 to 40, 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.

36. The lady is my neighbour. She is riding the bicycle.

_____ who _____

37. This is the best-selling novel. It is popular with the pupils.

_____ which _____

38. The jeans are worn out. She still loves the jeans.

Although _____

39. Jenny studied very hard. She did well for her examination.

_____ because _____

40. I will not attend the party. Sally has to invite me personally.

Unless _____

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Section G – Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 41 to 48. Write your answers in complete sentences.

White clouds blanketed the sky, bringing some relief to the scorching heat by shielding the sun. Joe and Jane took advantage of the fine weather to go on their fishing trip.

They rented a small boat and paddled out to the centre of the river. Joe brought along a can of worms. They selected fat and juicy worms and attached them to their fishing hooks. Hoping that the fish in the river would be attracted to them, Joe and Jane cast their fishing lines into the river.

After waiting patiently for an hour, Joe felt a tug on his fishing rod. He immediately stood up and tried to reel in his catch. Standing with one foot on the edge of the boat, Joe pulled the rod with all his might. Unfortunately, he lacked the strength to pull up his rod, lost his balance and fell overboard.

Jane grabbed hold of Joe's fishing rod and shouted out to him to grab the other end of it. However, the wet rod was too slippery and Joe lost his grip. Joe was struggling in the water, gasping for air as he waved his arms about wildly in a desperate attempt to stay afloat. Jane knew that she had to do something fast. Being the school swimming champion, Jane jumped into the water to rescue Joe. She swam towards him and used her arm to cradle his neck to keep his head above water before leading him back to the boat. Joe struggled to climb into the boat himself.

Once they were back in the safety of their boat, they heaved a sigh of relief. The **distressing experience** had dampened their spirits and killed their mood for fishing. They went home empty-handed but were glad they had each other in times of need.

41. Why was the weather perfect for fishing?

(1 mark)

42. Which 3-word phrase from paragraph one has the same meaning as 'made the most of'?

(1 mark)

43. What does 'them' in line 6 refer to?

(1mark)

44. Why was Joe unable to grab the fishing rod?

(1 mark)

45. Write 1, 2 and 3 on the lines below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story.

(1mark)

_____ Jane swam to Joe.

_____ Joe stayed afloat.

_____ Joe lost his balance.

46. State whether each sentence below is True or False. Give a reason for your answer. (2marks)

Sentence	True/False	Reason
i) Jane was a good swimmer.		
ii) Joe fell into the river because something tugged on his fishing rod.		

47. What were the two things that Jane did to save Joe? (2 marks)

i) _____

ii) _____

48. Why was the fishing trip a 'distressing experience' for Joe? (1 mark)

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EXAM PAPER 2018 (P4)

SCHOOL : PEI HWA

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
2	2	1	1	2	4	2	3	1	4
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	4	4	2	2	2	4	4	2	1
Q21									
3									

Q22) investigation

Q23) later

Q24) blocked

Q25) up

Q26) found

Q27) safe

Q28) C

Q29) D

Q30) E

Q31) B

Q32) D

Q33) B

Q34) A

Q35) F

Q36) The lady who is my neighbour is riding the bicycle.

Q37) This is the best selling novel which is popular with the pupils.

Q38) Although the jeans are worn out, she still loves them.

Q39) Jenny did well for her examination because she studied very hard.

Q40) Unless Sally invites me personally, I will not attend the party.

Q41) It was a fine weather to go on their fishing trip.

Q42) took advantage of

Q43) "them" refers to the fat and juicy worms.

Q44) The wet rod was too slippery and he lost his grip.

Q45) 3 , 2 , 1

Q46) i) True – She was the school's swimming champion.

ii) False – He fell because he lacked the strength to pull up his rod and lost his balance.

Q47) i) Jane grabbed hold of Joe's fishing rod and shouted out to him to grab the other end of it.

ii) Jane swam towards him and used her arm to cradle to keep his head above water before leading him back to the boat.

Q48) He nearly lost his life.