



**ROSYTH SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1, 2012
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 4**

Name: _____

Register No. _____

Class: Pr 4-_____

Total duration for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 15 minutes

Date: 9 May 2012

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BOOKLET A

Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 20 questions (Questions 1 to 20) and 7 pages.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your options on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

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Section A: Grammar (8 marks)

For questions 1 to 8, choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS given. (8 x 1 mark)

1) Aunt Lucy is known to be _____ honest cashier.

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| (1) a | (2) any |
| (3) an | (4) the |

2) Dexter may invite you to _____ him for a game of badminton this weekend.

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| (1) join | (2) joins |
| (3) joined | (4) joining |

3) Peter, _____ is a doctor, works in Raffles Hospital.

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| (1) which | (2) who |
| (3) whom | (4) that |

4) The company _____ a staff retreat for all the employees next month.

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| (1) organises | (2) organise |
| (3) will organise | (4) organised |

5) Food tastes best _____ you are hungry.

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| (1) when | (2) although |
| (3) unless | (4) which |

6) You _____ attend the prize-giving ceremony as it is compulsory.

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| (1) can | (2) could |
| (3) may | (4) must |

7) John watched the athlete _____ down the path.

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| (1) run | (2) ran |
| (3) runs | (4) had run |

8) The boys _____ while the girls are studying.

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

Section B: Vocabulary (7 marks)

For questions 9 to 15, choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS given. (7 x 1 mark)

9) David enjoys _____ up the river in his wooden boat.

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| (1) fishing | (2) pedalling |
| (3) paddling | (4) swimming |

10) "Please step forward and meet your _____ for the next match," said the referee.

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| (1) participant | (2) enemy |
| (3) opposition | (4) opponent |

11) Ali put on a _____ for safety before climbing up the huge fig tree.

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| (1) net | (2) harness |
| (3) leash | (4) life-jacket |

12) As Gopal was born without an arm, he has to wear a/an _____ limb to help him perform daily activities such as eating and dressing.

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| (1) extra | (2) false |
| (3) artificial | (4) amputated |

13) The policeman _____ the eye-witness at the crime scene.

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| (1) scolded | (2) interviewed |
| (3) questioned | (4) interrogated |

14) Sulin looked out to the sea and saw a sailboat _____ up and down.

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| (1) bobbing | (2) drifting |
| (3) diving | (4) cruising |

15) You have to _____ the consent form before going for the canoe trip tomorrow.

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| (1) fill in | (2) fill with |
| (3) fill up | (4) fill into |

Section C: Comprehension MCQ (5 marks)

Read the following passage carefully. Then answer questions 16 to 20. Choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS given. (5 x 1 mark)

Canadians and tourists from as far as France and Australia enjoy a longer ski season because The Blue Mountain's Ski Resort has an advanced way of making snow. In fact, Blue Mountain boasts the largest snowmaking system in the country.

It has 420 guns that fire water droplets into the air, making artificial snow to cover the mountain. A dedicated team of workers, called groomers are employed to work the guns so that the mountain has a thick layer of snow all season long.

The ski park operates from 8 am to 6 pm daily, 7 days a week throughout the winter season. Skiers are strongly encouraged to purchase their entrance tickets online to avoid the long waiting time at the counters.

In spring, water from The Blue Mountain flows into a nearby lake. Visitors can then go to the mountain for trekking, camping and fishing in the summer. They can even stay a night in the Swiss-style chalets and enjoy the beautiful mountain view.

Fifteen lifts carry visitors up Blue Mountain to enjoy a spectacular view of the lake from a height of 720 feet in summer. In winter, these high-speed lifts are designed specially for skiers to maximize their time on the hill by getting them from base to peak in under 3 minutes. Non-skiers are not allowed on these high-speed lifts. Instead, they may board a sight-seeing gondola which will take them up Blue Mountain. The gondola, which resembles a large cable car, is in operation throughout the day. However, the lifts close for an hour at 12 noon daily for maintenance.

The gentle slopes of Blue Mountain make learning to ski a relaxing experience too. First-timers can enroll for ski lessons and hit the slopes quick enough to enjoy the thrill down the beginner slopes.

Adapted from Lifts, snowmaking & grooming, Blue Mountain 2011/12

- 16) Blue Mountain is located in _____.
- (1) France
 - (2) Canada
 - (3) Australia
 - (4) Switzerland
- 17) Visitors to Blue Mountain can ski and ride _____.
- (1) all day
 - (2) at night only
 - (3) all day and night
 - (4) in the morning only
- 18) Most of the snow on Blue Mountain begin to melt in _____.
- (1) spring
 - (2) winter
 - (3) autumn
 - (4) summer
- 19) In winter, the high-speed lifts _____.
- (1) are in operation throughout the day
 - (2) allow riders to enjoy a spectacular view at 720 feet
 - (3) carry non-skiers up Blue Mountain for sight-seeing
 - (4) carry skiers from base to peak in less than 3 minutes
- 20) In the last paragraph about learning how to ski, the writer is suggesting that _____.
- (1) first-timers should not ski on the slopes of Blue mountain
 - (2) it is easy for first-timers to pick-up skiing on Blue Mountain
 - (3) it is difficult for first-timers to pick-up skiing on Blue Mountain
 - (4) first-timers can take to the advanced slopes after attending ski lessons

*****End of Booklet A*****



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BOOKLET B

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Component	Maximum	Marks Obtained
Grammar & Vocabulary	30	
Comprehension Cloze	5	
Comprehension MCQ & Open-ended	15	
Total	50	

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Section A : Grammar (8 marks)

For questions 21 to 24, read the passage carefully, choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to H) in each blank.

Use EACH OPTION ONCE ONLY. (4 x 1 mark)

(A) us	(B) we	(C) she	(D) me
(E) they	(F) them	(G) it	(H) you

Dear Mother,

Janet and I are having a wonderful time over here in Malacca. (21)_____ will be coming back by train on Sunday. Janet decided to take some photos when I was clowning around in front of the hotel! (22)_____ turned out to be rather interesting pictures and I had a really good laugh. I can't wait to show them to (23)_____! Janet is really a good photographer and (24)_____ makes a wonderful travel companion.

Your daughter,

Karen

For questions 25 to 28, read the passage carefully. Then underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets. (4 x 1 mark)

Mrs Townsend teaches Mathematics. She often (25) give / gives her pupils challenging questions to make her lessons more interesting. The pupils always (26) enjoy / enjoys solving them. After her class, Mrs Townsend will ask the pupils to take (27) down / out the homework assignment which she puts up on the board. After that, her pupils will key their answers (28) (in / into / their computers and e-mail them to her.

Section B : Vocabulary (5 marks)

For questions 29 to 33, read the passage carefully, choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to K) in each blank.

Use EACH OPTION ONCE ONLY. (5 x 1 mark)

(A) wondering (B) incident (C) immediately (D) dangerous (E) suddenly (F) schoolbag (G) supplies (H) medical kit (J) swamp (K) wandering

Doctor Hudson and his team were on an expedition exploring the jungles of Peru. As they pitched camp and settled down for the night, they (29)_____ heard a loud shrill cry from some nearby bushes. It sounded like somebody was in distress. (30)_____ what anybody could be doing in such a remote part of the jungle, the doctor just grabbed his (31)_____ and instructed three men to follow him before heading off towards where the scream had come from.

The doctor's men knew that it was quite (32)_____ to go off just like that while leaving base camp and all their other necessary (33)_____ behind. However, they knew the doctor all too well. Doctor Hudson lived by the motto that any cry, human or otherwise, in the hostile wilderness has to be investigated.

Section C: Sentence Combining (2 x1 mark)

For questions 29 to 30, 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).

34) John stayed up late to watch television last night. He is feeling sleepy today.

_____ because

35) Those are the boxes of books. They must be sent to the library tomorrow.

_____ which

Section D: Comprehension Cloze (5 marks)

Read the passage carefully. For questions 31 to 35, fill in each of the blanks with the most suitable word. (5 x 1 mark)

YOU ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO USE ONE WORD FOR EACH BLANK

Jogging is now a popular form of exercise that the young and old are engaged in. You don't have to buy any complicated exercise equipment. You only (36)_____ a comfortable pair of running shoes and you are all set to go. We usually see joggers filling the parks or even along the roads in their housing estates either in the early morning or in the late evening. They (37)_____ these times to the hot afternoons! Jogging strengthens one's muscles and bones. It builds (38)_____ one's stamina.

There are many (39)_____ why people take up jogging as a regular form of exercise. They do it to maintain their weight, relieve stress and improve fitness. (40)_____ is an inexpensive way to keep fit. Hence, more and more Singaporeans are taking up the exercise.

Section E: Comprehension (OE) (10 marks)

Read the following passage carefully. Then write the answers for questions 36 to 40. (5 x 2 marks)

Peter Wiggins grew up in a poor family. He worked diligently at his day-time job as a teacher assistant in a private kindergarten and put in three more hours at night as a part-time cashier at a supermarket. By the time Peter trudged home every day, it was often close to midnight.

Peter worked very hard in order to support his aged parents who had retired as restroom cleaners with little savings left after putting Peter and his sister through school. Peter was the sole breadwinner as his sister, Beth, was often in poor health. 5

One day, as Peter was walking home from ACE Supermarket where he worked, he stumbled upon a small brown packet on the pavement. The package was slightly torn so he picked it up to examine it more closely. To his shock, it contained fifty-dollar bills. Peter knew it was not his to keep and that the owner might urgently need the money. 10

Without hesitation, Peter walked briskly to the nearest police station and handed it over to Sergeant Roberts who was the police officer on duty for that night. Surprised to see someone hand in such a large amount of cash untouched, the police sergeant said that Peter was indeed a role model others could look up to. 15

"It's nothing really...I was doing what anyone would have done," Peter blushed as the sergeant proceeded to ask for his name and contact number so that the owner could personally thank him. The next day, Peter received a call. The owner of the lost money was none other than Peter's boss at the ACE Supermarket! He had found out about Peter from Sergeant Roberts and had decided to promote Peter to the position of manager with a handsome increase in salary. He had also decided to pay for Beth's medical treatment after Peter told him how much the extra money could help his parents and sister. Peter was overjoyed. 20 25

41) What was Peter working as to support his family?

42) Which word in paragraph 1 tells you that Peter was very tired while walking home from work every night?

43) Why do you think the police sergeant was surprised at Peter's action?

44) How did Peter's boss reward him for his good deeds?

45) Based on the passage, what two adjectives can be used to describe Peter's character?

**** End of Paper****

ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2012

SCHOOL : ROSYTH
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TERM : SA1

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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24
1	4	2	B	E	H	C

25)gives 26)enjoy 27)down 28)into 29)E

30)A 31)H 32)D 33)G

34)John is feeling sleepy today because he stayed up late to watch television last night.

35)Those are the boxes of books which must be sent to the library tomorrow.

36)need 37)prefer 38)up 39)reasons 40)Jogging

41)He was working as a teacher assistant and a cashier.

42)The word is "trudged".

43)I think the police sergeant was surprised at Peter's action as he thought that people who find it would usually take some cash and return some, but Peter handed in that large amount of cash untouched.

44)Peter's boss promoted him with a handsome increase in salary and offered to pay for his sister's medical treatment.

45)The adjectives are honest and hardworking.

