



Rulang Primary School

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 BOOKLET A
LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION
2015

Name : _____ () Marks : _____ / 14

Class : Primary 4 _____

Date : 29 October 2015

Setter : Mr Loo Chee Choon

14 Questions

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 Hour 15 Minutes

Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all the instructions carefully.
3. Answer all the questions.
4. This question booklet consists of 4 printed pages, including the cover page.

Section A: Grammar (8 x 1mark)

For each question from 1 to 8, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. The children cleaned the classroom by _____ during the Use-Your-Hands Campaign.
 - (1) myself
 - (2) herself
 - (3) ourselves
 - (4) themselves

2. While having lunch at the food centre just now, Mother _____ happy when we offered food to a poor elderly man.
 - (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were

3. Johan's parents _____ pleasantly surprised when he won the telematch despite his injured ankle.
 - (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were

4. "Pay attention to Mdm Halimah. She _____ the ingredients for the fruit cake right now," Mr Lim told the class.
 - (1) list
 - (2) lists
 - (3) is listing
 - (4) has listed

5. My parents _____ me to the National Library last weekend to borrow some books.
 - (1) take
 - (2) took
 - (3) have taken
 - (4) were taking

6. While Wei Yong _____ in the park, he saw a suspicious-looking bag under a bench.
- (1) jogs
 - (2) will jog
 - (3) has jogged
 - (4) was jogging
7. _____ old lady waiting patiently there at the school gate is my grandmother.
- (1) This
 - (2) That
 - (3) These
 - (4) Those
8. Joy cannot attend the sewing class today. She has too _____ homework to complete.
- (1) few
 - (2) little
 - (3) much
 - (4) many

Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (6 x 1 mark)

For each question from 9 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 on the Optical Answer Sheet.

9. The _____ in the MRT train were feeling very warm as the train was crowded.
- (1) patrons
 - (2) travellers
 - (3) customers
 - (4) commuters
10. The garbage was not cleared. Hence, it emitted a _____ stench.
- (1) lousy
 - (2) wicked
 - (3) dreadful
 - (4) pleasant

11. The kidnappers have threatened to harm Mr Lee if the _____ is not paid.

- (1) prize
- (2) reward
- (3) penalty
- (4) ransom

12. The little girl _____ with delight when her father gave her the Barbie doll that she had always wanted.

- (1) jeered
- (2) wailed
- (3) sobbed
- (4) squealed

13. Simon cried out in pain when he spilled his hot drink and _____ his hand.

- (1) burnt
- (2) charred
- (3) scalded
- (4) scorched

14. The _____ got off the ambulance in a hurry to attend to the injured at the accident site.

- (1) surgeons
- (2) specialists
- (3) physicians
- (4) paramedics

~ End of Booklet A ~

Section C: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

(A) 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 EACH WORD ONCE ONLY

(A) it	(B) us	(C) we
(D) her	(E) they	(F) them

Mrs Agnes finally gave in to the pleas of (15)_____ twelve-year-old son, Brian, and six-year-old daughter, Crystal, to buy a puppy. Mrs Agnes immediately signed up for an obedience training class and told her children that (16)_____ would be the ones taking the puppy to class.

"What is an obedience training class?" Brian asked. After Mrs Agnes had explained to the children what (17)_____ was, Crystal asked, "Is it for (18)_____ or for the puppy?"

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

Mike and his family (19) [is / are] moving into a new flat. Mike ²⁰ (19) [has / have] a room to himself while his two younger brothers will share a room. Mike ²¹ (20) [suggest / suggests] keeping an aquarium with a few guppies in their new home. Their mother is agreeable to the idea as long as one of the boys (22) [take / takes] care of the guppies. Mike and his brothers can hardly wait for the aquarium to be set up.

Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (4 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letters (A to F) in each blank.

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY

(A) help	(B) calm	(C) heard
(D) struggling	(E) scratched	(F) licked

An old man was taking a stroll in the park. As he was walking, he suddenly (23) _____ the distressing sound of a kitten purring. He realised that a kitten was stuck in a small drain. The poor animal was (24) _____ to get out. So the old man put his hand in to take it out. Frightened, the kitten (25) _____ his hand. That did not stop the old man. He tried his best to (26) _____ the kitten down and motion it towards him. When the old man finally succeeded in freeing the kitten, he stood up, smiled and continued with his walk in the park.

Section E: Sentence Combining (4 x 1 mark)

For each question, 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 (s) of the given sentence(s).

27. Faiz would rather read story books than play computer games.

_____ prefers _____

28. The naughty boys continued to talk. Mr Lim told the boys to stop.

_____ even
 though _____

29. We will not have a picnic at Jurong Lake Park if it rains.

Unless _____

30. Amy is not attending the concert. Her friends are not attending the concert too.

Neither _____

Section F: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

Read the following text carefully and answer the questions that follow.

They were purple, they were enthusiastic and they were everywhere. These individuals made sure the 28th South East Asian (SEA) Games ran smoothly, the audience was contented and the athletes were well cared for. They carried out their duties under the searing heat diligently and most importantly, with a smile for everyone around them.	5
Team Nila – the 23 000-strong volunteers from Sport Singapore – had filled roles ranging from performers at the opening and closing ceremonies to ball boys and girls, photographers and even crowd control. These volunteers had also sacrificed long hours over the past six months to train and prepare for the Games proper.	10
Ms Siti Aidawani, who recruited the volunteers, believed that the 28th SEA Games would not have been a success without them. "I think they make or break the Games," the Sport Singapore cluster manager confided. "We can have everything planned out but the execution is dependent on them. Many of them have a lot of passion and their commitment is quite astounding."	15
The range of Team Nila's roles visible to athletes and audiences was merely the tip of the iceberg. With a strong sense of pride and attention to detail, the volunteers had put on a seamless performance at the Games.	

Adapted from *Team Nila: Unsung Heroes of the 28th SEA Games* by Qiu Yonghui

31.	What does the word "They" in line 3 refer to? [1m] _____
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32.	Which word has the same meaning as 'enlisted'? Circle (A) or (B). [1m] Ms Siti Aidawani, who <u>recruited</u> the volunteers, <u>believed</u> that the 28 th SEA Games would not have been a success without them. (A) (B)
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33.	Tick (✓) your chosen answer. _____ contributed greatly to the smooth running of the 28 th SEA Games. [1m] ☐ ☐ ☐ Athletes and audiences The individuals Team Nila
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For question 34, read the statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". Refer to paragraphs 1 and 2 to help you. The example has been done for you. [1m]			
	Statement	True	False
Example	Team Nila filled a wide range of roles in the 28 th SEA Games.	☒	☐
34a.	The volunteers complained while they were carrying out their duties.	☐	☐
34b.	The volunteers were stationed both indoors and outdoors.	☐	☐

34c.	The volunteers spent more than six months in preparation for the SEA Games.		
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35.	Which word has the same meaning as 'dedication'? Circle (A) or (B). [1m]
	Many of them have a lot of <u>passion</u> and their <u>commitment</u> is quite astounding
	(A) (B)

Based on paragraph 2, list down three duties carried out by the volunteers. The first example has been done for you. [3m]	
Example	managed the crowd
36. —	(a)
	(b)
	(c)

Section G: Comprehension 2 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

A frail old man lived with his son's family. The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight blurred and his steps faltered. Grandfather's condition made eating difficult when the family dined together in the dining room. Peas rolled off his spoon and onto the floor. When he grasped the glass, milk spilled onto the tablecloth.

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The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess. "We must do something about Father," said the son. "I've had enough of his spilled milk and food on the floor." Thus, the couple set a small table at the corner. There, Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner together. Since Grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl. Sometimes his eyes watered as he sat alone. Despite that, the only words the couple had for him were sharp reprimands when he dropped a fork or spilled food.

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The seven-year-old grandson watched it all in silence.

One day, the family was in the living room watching the grandson playing with wood scraps on the floor. The father asked his child lovingly, "What are you making?" Just as lovingly, the boy responded, "Oh, I am making a little bowl each for you and Mama to eat with when you are older." The seven-year-old smiled and went back to work.

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The words struck the parents hard and they were speechless. Tears started to well up in their eyes. Though no word was spoken, both knew **what ought to be done**.

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That evening, the couple took Grandfather's hand and gently led him to the family table. Since then, they had enjoyed every meal as a family. For one reason or another, neither the son nor his wife seemed to care any longer when a fork dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled.

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Adapted from The Wooden Bowl <http://www.moralstories.org/the-wooden-bowl/>

37. Which two physical conditions made eating difficult for Grandfather?

38. What does 'There' in line 9 refer to?

39. How do you think Grandfather felt when he was not allowed to eat with the family? Give a reason to support your answer.

40. Why did the boy make a bowl each for his parents?

41. What does the phrase 'what ought to be done' in lines 21-22 refer to?

~ End of Paper ~

EXAM PAPER 2015

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TERM : SA2

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Q 11	Q 12	Q 13	Q 14	Q 15	Q 16	Q 17	Q 18	Q 19	Q 20
4	4	3	4	D	E	A	B	are	has
Q 21	Q 22	Q 23	Q 24	Q 25	Q 26				
suggests	takes	C	D	E	B				

Q27. Faiz prefers reading story books to playing computer games.

Q28. The naughty boys continued to talk even though Mr Lim told them to stop.

Q29. Unless it rains, we will have a picnic at Jurong Lake Park.

Q30. Neither Amy nor her friends are attending the concert.

Q31. It refers to the volunteers.

Q32. A. Q33. The individuals

Q34a. FALSE Q34b. TRUE Q34c. FALSE

Q35. Commitment

Q36a. performed opening and closing ceremonies roles

Q36b. took photographs.

Q36c. crowd controls

Q37. Grandfather's trembling hands and blurred eyesight made eating difficult for him.

Q38. In the corner of the dinning room.

Q39. Grandfather felt sad as his eyes watered.

Q40. He made the bowls for is parents to eat with. When they were older as he thought that his parents would also break the dishes like his grandfather.

Q41. The couple had to let Grandfather eat together with the family.

THE END

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