

SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL
FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2015
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY FOUR

Name: _____ ()

Date: _____

Class: Primary 4

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET A

16 questions

16 marks

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Section A: Vocabulary

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. (6 marks)

1. Tommy has decided to _____ the help of his friend for his Music project.
 - (1) enlist
 - (2) extend
 - (3) expand
 - (4) enforce

2. Please be careful when you are crossing this busy road. A _____ accident occurred here two days ago.
 - (1) fatal
 - (2) risky
 - (3) terminal
 - (4) dangerous

3. Ada's work had improved _____ since she broke away from her group of undesirable friends.
 - (1) regularly
 - (2) remarkably
 - (3) realistically
 - (4) ridiculously

4. All the rivers will run dry and the crops will die if the _____ continues.
 - (1) flood
 - (2) storm
 - (3) drought
 - (4) downpour

5. Mrs Koo was very annoyed with the girls who were making too much noise. She gave them a _____ look to silence them.
 - (1) rude
 - (2) stern
 - (3) strict
 - (4) quick

6. The dilapidated building was _____ with rats.

- (1) infected
- (2) infested
- (3) polluted
- (4) poisoned

Section B: Grammar

For each question from 7 to 12, 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. (6 marks)

7. The vultures were hovering _____ the hills searching for their prey.

- (1) at
- (2) on
- (3) below
- (4) above

8. We have been waiting for Sarah _____ eight o'clock this morning.

- (1) if
- (2) for
- (3) until
- (4) since

9. Michelle and Sarah have forgiven each other. There is no more unhappiness _____ them.

- (1) at
- (2) for
- (3) among
- (4) between

10. News of the arrival of the crash victims _____ a flurry of activities at the hospital.

- (1) set in
- (2) set up
- (3) set off
- (4) set out

11. "Leave Jaslyn and _____ out of this problem, please," Mr Lee said impatiently.

- (1) I
- (2) me
- (3) my
- (4) mine

12. "Your pair of shoes _____ pretty! Where did you get it?" Mrs Tan asked her daughter.

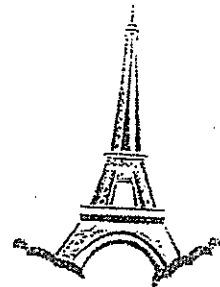
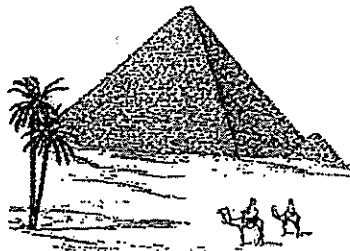
- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

Section C: Visual Text

Study the following text and answer questions 13 to 16.

YOUR CHANCE TO SEE THE WORLD!

Come and discover inspiring holiday moments; be it an adventure, an exotic getaway or a romantic escapade this weekend!



Join us in this extravaganza of wonder and fun!

WHAT'S IN STORE?

- Presentations by expert travellers
- Booths set up by overseas exhibitors
- Cultural performances and entertainment programmes from different countries
- Special promotions and discounts on travel packages

Star-tel will be offering a 50% discount for unlimited data roaming to the place you will be travelling for the first 100 visitors who sign up for any tour package!



SC TRAVEL
2015

Organised by:
Singapore National
Travel Agents Association

**Your Dream Holiday
Awaits You!**

For more information on the fair, log on to <http://SCTravel2015.com.sg>

COME AND WIN

Visit the fair and you can win attractive prizes and return air tickets in our daily lucky draw!

PLUS

A Grand Lucky Draw on the last day of the fair! You stand to win 2 return air tickets to Paris by Air Eiffel

PLUS

5 nights accommodation for two at Versailles Hotel Paris

Venue: Singapore Expo Halls 1 and 2

Dates: 10 May 2015 (Saturday)

11 May 2015 (Sunday)

Times: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

For each question from 13 to 16, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the most appropriate option and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (4 marks)

13. The main objective of this advertisement is to _____.

- (1) promote cultural performances
- (2) encourage people to visit the travel fair
- (3) allow people to enjoy 50% discount at Star-tel
- (4) inform people on they can win return air tickets

14. The organiser of the travel fair is _____.

- (1) Star-tel
- (2) SC Travel 2015
- (3) Singapore Expo Hall 1 and 2
- (4) Singapore National Travel Agents Association

15. If Jeanette is the 55th visitor to the fair, she will definitely receive _____.

- (1) an attractive prize
- (2) 2 return air tickets to Paris
- (3) 5 nights accommodation at Versailles Hotel Paris
- (4) 50% discount for unlimited data roaming to her travel destination

16. Which of the following statements is true of the travel fair?

- (1) Cultural performances will be put up by expert travellers.
- (2) There will be booths set up by exhibitors from other countries.
- (3) You can enjoy 50% discount on unlimited data roaming if you visit the fair.
- (4) There will be special discounts if you watch the presentations by the experts.

End of Booklet A

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	Marks Obtained	Highest Possible Marks
Booklet A		16
Booklet B		34
Sub-total		50

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET B

28 questions

34 marks

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

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Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Write your answers in this booklet.

Section D: Grammar Cloze

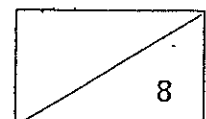
Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. **USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.** (4 marks)

(A) he	(B) her	(C) him
(D) she	(E) them	(F) they

The SG50 Jubilee Gift is finally revealed. Jill feels proud that (17) _____ is having a baby in such a significant year. Josh is excited that (18) _____ are going to be parents soon. The parents-to-be are elated for their baby boy as (19) _____ will also receive free health coverage. Jill and Josh can hardly wait to cuddle (20) _____ in their arms. What a joy for the parents-to-be!

Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets. (4 marks)

Alyssa has been practising her walk daily. It (21) [is / was] her cousin's wedding next week and she will be the flower girl. Alyssa's parents (22) [is / are] also very honoured to have their daughter play this important role. Alyssa (23) [take / takes] her role very seriously. Alyssa, with the help of her parents, (24) [has / have] chosen a beautiful blue dress too. She hopes to do well on the wedding day.



Section E: Vocabulary Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and fill in the blanks. **USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.** (6 marks)

announce	covering	inspired	overwhelmed
pronounce	taking	talented	writing

Date: 5 May 2015

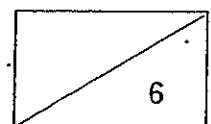
Dear Journal,

I am sorry I have not written for many days. This is my first week at work and I am feeling (25) _____ by the workload I have to undertake. I am, however, proud to (26) _____ that I have been officially appointed by Nanyang Press as a journalist.

I am in charge of (27) _____ news reports on sports events happening in Singapore. Recently, I met Lim Heem Wei, the (28) _____ gymnast who came from my alma mater. I was very (29) _____ by her perseverance and love for the sport during the interview.

Next month, the SEA Games will commence. During the games, I will be responsible for (30) _____ the news of local sportsmen. I hope to meet my favourite sportsman, Derek Wong, one day.

Janelle



Section F: Sentence Combining

For each of the questions 31 to 34, combine the sentences to make one sentence using the word(s) given. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the sentences given.
(4 marks)

31. I did not want a sandwich. I did not want a salad either.

_____ neither

32. Sally has not completed her homework. She cannot go rollerblading.

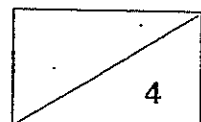
_____ unless

33. John loves to hike at Bukit Timah Hill. Jacob loves to hike at Bukit Timah Hill too.

Both _____

34. My sister is too young to travel alone. She is ten years old.

_____ who



Section G: Comprehension (Short Response)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 35 to 39.

(6 marks)

Once there lived a slave called Markos who yearned to be set free by his master since he was treating him badly. Thus, Markos hatched a plan and escaped into a nearby forest. After travelling for a while, Markos suddenly heard a roar and found a lion standing close by. He was sure the lion was going to kill him. Instead, the lion slowly limped towards him and held out its paw. There was a huge thorn stuck to its paw and it was bleeding badly. 5

Markos took pity on the lion. Carefully, he removed the thorn from its paw and the lion walked away peacefully into the forest. Unfortunately, after a few days, Markos was captured by his master who was furious that he had escaped. The master decided to throw Markos to a lion as it was common practice in ancient Greece where slaves were often thrown into an arena to fight a starving lion. 10

A huge crowd gathered to witness the fight. The king was also present. A lion that had been starved for a number of days was brought to the arena in a cage. After Markos was brought into the arena, the lion was let out of the cage. Markos was trembling with fear as the lion rushed at him with great rage. 15

Much to the astonishment of the crowd, the lion stopped and looked intently at Markos and then lay at his feet. Markos was delighted as he realised that it was the same lion that he had helped. He hugged the lion as the crowd watched in stunned silence. The king was amazed to see the courageous act and permitted Markos to be freed. 20

Adapted from <http://www.english-for-students.com/all-is-well-that-ends-well.html>

35. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.
Why did Markos want to be set free? (1m)

☐	He wanted to help lions.
☐	He was treated badly by his master.
☐	He wanted to fight lions in the arena.

For questions 36-37, tick ✓ whether the statements describe the actions of the king or Markos' master. (2m)

	Statement	King	Master
36.	He wanted to throw Markos to the lion.		
37.	He allowed Markos to be released.		

38. List the two actions of the lion that took the crowd by surprise.

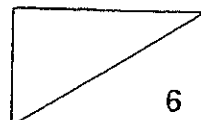
i) _____ (1m)

ii) _____ (1m)

39. According to the story, which phrase best describes Markos? Circle either (A) or (B). (1m)

(A) a timid soul

(B) a kind-hearted person



Section H: Comprehension (Open-Ended)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 40 to 44.

(10 marks)

A mother, wishing to encourage her son's progress at the piano although he was not good at it, bought tickets to a performance by the great Polish pianist, Ignace Paderewski. Her son was very excited about going for the performance. When evening arrived, they found their seats near the front of the concert hall and eyed the majestic piano waiting on the stage. Soon, the mother found a friend to talk to and the boy slipped 5 away.

The lights in the auditorium began to dim and the spotlights came on. The audience became very quiet as they waited for Ignace Paderewski to come on stage. Only then did the boy's mother notice her son up on the piano bench, innocently playing 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star'. She gasped in shock and embarrassment. However, before she 10 could bring her son back, the **master** himself appeared on stage and quickly moved to the piano.

He whispered gently to the boy, "Don't quit. Keep playing." Leaning over, Ignace Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in the bass part. Then, his right arm reached around the other side and improvised the simple children's song, 15 making it a delightful tune. Together, the old master and the young novice held the crowd ⁴³ mesmerised with their blended and beautiful music.

At the end of their performance, the little boy went back to his mother and told her that he would never give up on learning to play the piano. That brought tears to her eyes and she turned to look at Ignace Paderewski. When their eyes met, he nodded his head 20 slightly and smiled.

Adapted from <http://www.rogerdarlington.me.uk/stories>

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

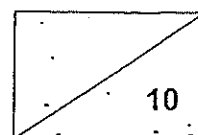
40. Why did the mother buy tickets to the piano performance?

41. How was the boy able to slip away?

42. Who does the 'master' in line 11 refer to?

43. Which four-word phrase in Paragraph 3 tells you that the audience was captivated by the performance of the master and the little boy?

44. How do you think the boy's mother felt towards Ignace Paderewski when the boy told her that he would never give up on learning to play the piano?



Answer Key

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17)D 18)F 19)A 20)C

21)is 22)are 23)takes 24)have

25)overwhelmed 26)announce 27)writing 28)talented

29)inspired 30)covering

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33) Both John and Jacob like to hike at Bukit Timah hill.

34)My sister who is ten years old, is too young to travel alone.

35) He was treated badly by his master.

36) Master

37) King

38) i) It lay in front of Markos feet.

ii) The lion stopped and looked at Markos with much focus.

39) b

40) she wanted to encourage her son's progress at playing the piano although he was not good at it.

41) The boy's mother found a friend to talk to.

42) It refers to Ignace Paderewski.

43) The phrase is "held the crowd mesmerized"

44) I think the boy's mother felt grateful and thankful towards Ignace Paderewski.