

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

Name: _____ ()

Date: _____

Class: Primary 4 SY / C / G / SE / P

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET A

14 questions

14 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. The police officers at the two checkpoints were told to be more _____ after some drivers were caught smuggling cigarettes from Johor.
 - (1) callous
 - (2) vigilant
 - (3) curious
 - (4) interested

2. The accused was released because evidence against him was _____ to convict him.
 - (1) invaluable
 - (2) inefficient
 - (3) insensitive
 - (4) inadequate

3. Since your work is _____ done, you will have to do it again.
 - (1) sloppily
 - (2) diligently
 - (3) ignorantly
 - (4) particularly

4. Mr Fong, the well-known journalist, received an award for his _____ in the newspaper.
 - (1) hint
 - (2) event
 - (3) article
 - (4) theme

5. Colds and coughs are _____. They can spread from one person to the other
 - (1) fatal
 - (2) infectious
 - (3) hereditary
 - (4) transferable

6. "Please let me go," the helpless woman _____ fearfully.

- (1) ordered
- (2) pleaded
- (3) demanded
- (4) commanded

Section B: Grammar

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. (8 marks)

7. The girl drew a picture of _____ during art class just now.
- (1) itself
 - (2) myself
 - (3) himself
 - (4) herself
8. The class of students _____ on the way to the museum now
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
9. Sharon _____ something behind her back when I walked past her
- (1) hide
 - (2) hides
 - (3) is hiding
 - (4) was hiding
10. "Hurry! Mrs Ong _____ for us in the classroom." I told Rani as we ran back to class.
- (1) waits
 - (2) waited
 - (3) is waiting
 - (4) has waited
11. My uncle _____ in that house two years ago.
- (1) live
 - (2) lives
 - (3) lived
 - (4) is living

12. Please move _____ boxes in that corner to the shelf here.
- (1) this
 - (2) that
 - (3) these
 - (4) those
13. There is not _____ porridge left in the pot.
- (1) few
 - (2) much
 - (3) many
 - (4) some
14. On my way back from school, I saw _____ pieces of newspapers flying across the road.
- (1) any
 - (2) little
 - (3) many
 - (4) much

END OF BOOKLET A

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	Marks Obtained	Highest Possible Marks
Booklet A		14
Booklet B		36
Sub-total		50

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET B

32 questions

36 marks

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

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Answer all questions.

Write your answers in this booklet.

Section C: Grammar Cloze

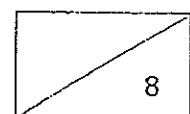
Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. **USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.**
(4 marks)

(A) he	(B) her	(C) it
(D) our	(E) my	(F) we

One afternoon, Laura and I took a drive along Krill Road. A truck was speeding and it overtook us. Suddenly, (15)_____ skidded off the road and crashed into a big tree. The driver managed to get out of the truck. (16)_____ had hurt his right leg and was limping. We stopped (17)_____ car by the roadside to help the driver. Horrified by the sight of blood, Laura almost passed out. I borrowed (18)_____ handphone to call for the ambulance. I informed the driver that the ambulance was on its way. He mumbled a word of thanks.

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

My mother likes to go to the wet market. Every morning she (19) [walk / walks] to the market to buy groceries. I (20) [tag / tags] along with her on weekends. The market is a vibrant place. It (21) [open / opens] only in the morning and closes by late afternoon. My mother (22) [is / are] good at bargaining so she always gets to buy things at a cheaper price. I wish to learn some of her bargaining skills one day.



Section D: Vocabulary Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given and fill in the blanks. (4 marks)

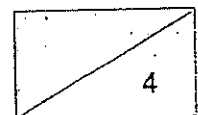
USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

steep	wailing	feels	safe	tastes	over
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Fyda's father is a fisherman. He fishes in the open seas on a small boat. He often catches a lot of fish but mostly yellowfin tuna. Fyda's favourite snack is raw tuna wrapped in seaweed because it (23) _____ very good.

One day, when Fyda's father was fishing, Fyda heard a loud (24) _____ siren. It was a warning signal to tell people that a tsunami was coming. Fyda had heard about tsunamis before. She learnt that it is a dangerous large wave that is usually caused by earthquakes. A tsunami had once destroyed many houses on her island and the last tsunami that hit her island was (25) _____ 20-feet high.

When Fyda heard the siren, she quickly ran out to the top of a high cliff that overlooked the ocean. She knew that she would be (26) _____ on the cliff. However, she was concerned about her father's safety. Fyda's mother tried to console her by telling her not to worry about her father.



Section E: Sentence Combining

Combine each pair of the sentences to make one sentence using the word(s) given.
The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the sentences given. (4 marks)

27. Mrs Goh told Mandy, "The mangoes are big and juicy."

Mrs Goh told _____

28. Devi can listen to the radio. She can play computer games.

_____ either
_____ or _____

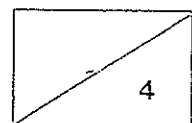
29. I did not study hard. I did not do well in my examination.

_____ as

six-inch

30. April lost her balance. She wore her sister's ~~six-inched~~ heels.

If _____ not _____
_____ would _____



Section F: Comprehension 1 (Short Response)

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 31 to 38. (10 marks)

Once upon a time, there was a swan that had striking gold features. The swan lived in a pond next to a house. In that dilapidated house, lived a poor woman and her two daughters. The swan saw that the poor mother had great difficulty making ends meet as they had no money to buy food.

The swan thought, "If I give them my golden feathers, the mother can sell them. She and her daughters can live in comfort with the money raised from it." Soon, the swan flew to the poor woman's house. On seeing the swan inside the house, the woman said, "Why have you come here? We have nothing to offer you."

The swan replied, "I have not come to take anything. Instead, I will give my golden feathers to you one at a time and you can sell them. With the money, you and your daughters can live in comfort." After saying this, the swan shed one of her feathers and flew away. The swan visited the woman often and would leave a feather behind.

The mother and her daughters led a better life after selling the feathers that they received from the golden swan. They could buy nutritious food and clothes. One day, she said to her daughters, "We cannot trust this swan. She may fly away and never come back. If this happens, we will be poor again. We must take all her feathers the next time she comes."

That evening, the swan returned. The mother caught her and pulled out all of her feathers. Immediately, the swan's feathers turned into ordinary ones. The mother was shocked!

"I wanted to help you but now my feathers are of no value to you. I shall leave this place and never return," said the tearful swan as she left the house. The mother felt ashamed of her greed and her distrust towards the swan.

Adapted from <http://www.culturalindia.net/indian-folktales/jataka-tales/the-golden-swan.html>

31. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.
What was special about the swan?

(1m)

	It had lovely golden feathers.
	Its feathers could lose its shine.
	Its feathers could drop off easily.

32. List 2 pieces of evidence in Paragraph One that tells us why the swan thought that the woman and her daughters were poor.

i. _____ (1m)

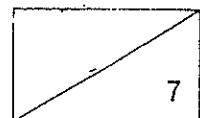
ii. _____ (1m)

For Questions 33-34, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". The first example has been done for you. (2m)

	Statement	True	False
Example	The swan was kind.	✓	
33.	The swan visited the woman and her daughters every night.		
34.	The swan was upset that the woman pulled out all of its golden feathers.		

35. Why were the feathers "of no value?" (Line 22)

(2m)



36. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order of events that occurred in the passage. (1m)

_____ The swan left the woman's house and never returned.

_____ The swan's golden feathers were pulled out.

_____ The mother and her daughters sold the swan's feathers.

37. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

How did the mother feel in the last paragraph?

She was _____ (1m)

☐
☐
☐

angry that the swan had left

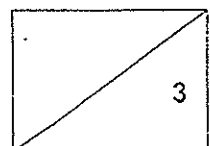
sorry for what she had done to the swan.

indifferent to what she had done to the swan

38. The most suitable title for this story is "_____". (1m)

- (1) The Cunning Swan
(2) The Generous Swan
(3) The Greedy Children and The Kind Swan
(4) The Cunning Woman and The Lazy Swan

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Section G: Comprehension 2 (Short Response)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 39 to 46.

(10 marks)

It was Mother's Day and I was buying groceries at the nearby supermarket with my five-year-old son, Tony. While we were leaving the supermarket, we heard a commotion at the entrance. Tony, who was a curious boy, wanted to know what was happening.

When we got to the entrance, we saw an elderly lady sitting on the floor. Apparently, only minutes earlier, she had fallen and hit her head on the cold, hard floor. The elderly lady had a deep gash at the back of her head. She was embarrassed and clearly in shock.

As Tony watched on, he became upset about what had happened. He said to me, "Mom, it's not much fun falling over in front of everyone."

In front of the supermarket, a charity group had set up a stall to sell flowers to raise funds for needy children. Tony suggested that we buy the elderly lady a stalk of flower so we went over to the stall to buy one.

By this time, the paramedics had arrived and was trying to render the lady first aid. As we walked up to her, Tony became very intimidated by the blood and the medical equipment. He wanted to give the flower to the lady but he was too self-conscious.

Instead, I gave the flower to the elderly lady's husband and said, "My son felt sorry for your wife and wanted to give her this flower to make her feel better."

At that, the old man started to tear and said, "Thank you very much. You have a thoughtful son. Happy Mother's Day to you."

The man bent down and gave the flower to his wife, telling her whom it was from. Despite being badly hurt and shaken, the elderly lady looked at Tony. She smiled at him and said, "Thank you very much."

Adapted from *Readers Digest February 2014*

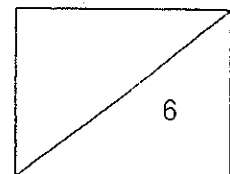
39. Tick ✓ your chosen answer. (1m)
How is the author related to Tony? The author is Tony's _____

☐	father
☐	mother
☐	grandmother

40. Which word in Paragraph One has the same meaning as "pandemonium"? (1m)

41. How did the elderly lady injure herself? (2m)

42. Why did Tony want to buy the elderly lady a flower? (2m)



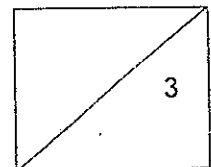
43. What word has the same meaning as "frightened"? Circle (A) or (B). (1m)

As we walked up to her, Tony became very intimidated by the
(A)
blood and the medical equipment. He wanted to give the flower to the lady
but he was too self-conscious.
(B)

44. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order of events that occurred in the passage. (1m)

_____ The ambulance arrived.
_____ The elderly lady received the flower.
_____ Tony saw an injured elderly lady.

45. From Lines 15 to 21, which three-word phrase tells you that the elderly lady's husband was touched by Tony's kind deed? (1m)



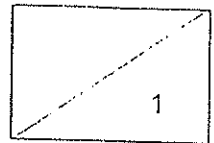
46. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

How did the elderly lady feel when she received the flower?

She felt _____.

(1m)

☐	grateful
☐	confused
☐	disorientated



END OF BOOKLET B

Answer Key

EXAM PAPER 2015

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SUBJECT : P4 ENGLISH

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Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14						
3	4	2	3						

15) C 16)A 17) D 18)B

19)walks 20)tag 21) opens 22)is 23)tastes 24) wailing

25)over 26)safe

27) Mrs Goh told Mandy that the mangoes were big and juicy.

28) Devi can either listen to the radio or play computer games.

29) I did not do well in my examination as I did not study hard.

30) If April had not worn her sister's six-inch heels , she would not have lost her balance.

31) It had lovely golden feathers.

32)i) The swan saw their dilapidated house.

ii) the swan saw the poor mother had great difficulty making ends meet as they had no money to buy food.

33) False

34) True

35) The feathers had turned into ordinary ones and the mother could not sell them

36) 3, 2, 1

37) sorry for what she had done to the swan

38) 2

39) mother

40) commotion

41) she fell over and hit her head on the cold, concrete floor.

42) He felt sorry for the lady and wanted to make her feel better from falling down.

43) A

44) 2, 3, 1

45) started to tear

46) grateful