



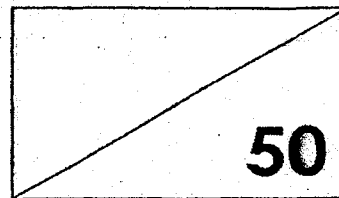
2018 PRIMARY 4 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

(LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Write your name, class and register number.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. For questions 1 to 14, shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet(OAS) provided.
6. For questions 15 to 39, write your answers in this booklet.

Section A (6 x 1m)

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 answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

1. He took a quick _____ at his watch before leaving the house.
(1) view
(2) stare
(3) glare
(4) glance

2. Aini searched her handbag _____ for her mobile phone. She was worried that she might have left it in the taxi.
(1) violently
(2) excitedly
(3) thoroughly
(4) aggressively

3. Tim was shocked that his house had been burgled while he was overseas. The police assured him that they would _____ the matter.
(1) look at
(2) look up
(3) look into
(4) look after

4. "I want that toy now!" _____ the little boy angrily when his parents wanted to leave the toy shop.

(1) stuttered

(2) muttered

(3) stammered

(4) demanded

5. Wearing _____ gear when cycling at night allows the cyclist to be visible to other road users.

(1) selective

(2) reflective

(3) preventive

(4) protective

6. The team of dragon boaters _____ their canoe swiftly to clinch first place.

(1) drifted

(2) floated

(3) pushed

(4) paddled

Section B (8 x 1m)

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 answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

7. The twins _____ delighted when their parents gave them each a brand new watch for their birthday.

(1) is

(2) are

(3) was

(4) were

8. While Linda _____ the dishes, she heard strange sounds coming from the living room.

(1) washes

(2) would wash

(3) has washed

(4) was washing

9. "Do not lean _____ the newly-painted fences!" Mrs Lim warned Jenny.

(1) at

(2) along

(3) towards

(4) against

10. Timothy spent most of his afternoon playing with his friends so he had _____ time to complete his homework.

(1) few

(2) little

(3) much

(4) many

11. "_____ you like more sugar in your coffee?" the waiter asked politely.

(1) Will

(2) Shall

(3) Would

(4) Should

12. My sister _____ out the candles on the cake after we had sung her the birthday song.

(1) blow

(2) blew

(3) blows

(4) blown

13. _____ Mr Tan was a wealthy merchant, he donated generously to the poor.

(1) As

(2) Unless

(3) Due to

(4) Although

14. This project was supposed to be done in groups of four. However, I completed the task all by _____.

(1) myself

(2) yourself

(3) ourselves

(4) themselves

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Section C (10 m)

Comprehension

Read the passage below and answer questions 15 to 22 based on the passage.

Maya loved the outdoors. Last December, Maya decided to go to the mountains for a hiking trip. Maya's friends recommended a few backpackers' hotels to her. However, she felt that it was unnecessary as she wanted to feel what it was like sleeping outdoors.

Maya started the first day of the eight-day trip by walking along the trail. The air was fresh and the scenery was breathtaking. Maya saw colourful cottages where the locals lived. After two hours of hiking, Maya decided to rest her tired legs. 5

As Maya was admiring her surroundings, she spotted a deer feeding on some grass. Maya's eyes widened as she inched forward to get a closer look so that she could draw the magnificent creature in her journal. Crack! The deer fled when Maya stepped on a twig. She sighed in disappointment. She learnt that she had to be as still as a rock if she wanted the animal to stay. 10

"Oh well, flowers are easier to draw than animals. At least they do not run away!" Maya comforted herself with a chuckle. 15

Maya spent the rest of the trip making sketches of some wild flowers. She enjoyed pitching the tent and having meals by the campfire. It was truly an unforgettable experience.

Adapted from Hiking the Appalachian Trail

15. Tick ✓ the correct answer.

Maya slept in a _____. (1m)

☐	tent
☐	colourful cottage
☐	backpackers' hotel

16. Which word has the same meaning as 'beautiful'?

Circle either (A) or (B) (1m)

The air was <u>fresh</u> and the scenery was <u>breathtaking</u> .	
(A)	(B)

17. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the boxes below to indicate the order in which the events took place in the story. (1m)

	Maya was upset as the deer had run away.
	Maya rested after walking for a few hours.
	Maya decided to draw flowers instead of animals.

18. Which five-word phrase from paragraph 3 has the same meaning as 'not moving'? (1m)

For Q19-21, read each sentence and tick ✓ "True" or "False".
The first example has been done for you. (3m)

Sentence		True	False
Example	Maya was on vacation for nine day		✓
19.	Maya's friends suggested that Maya might like to stay in a hotel.		
20.	The deer ran away when it saw Maya.		
21.	Maya enjoyed outdoor activities.		

22. In paragraph 5, what three things did Maya do for the rest of the trip after her encounter with the deer?

i. _____ (1m)

ii. _____ (1m)

iii. _____ (1m)

Section D (4 x 1m)

Grammar Cloze

Read the passage carefully. There are 4 blanks, numbered 23 to 26, in the passage below. 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.

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| (A) I | (B) it | (C) our |
| (D) their | (E) them | (F) we |

Last Sunday, my sister and I went to a nearby supermarket to buy some ingredients to make breakfast for Grandma.

(23)_____ wanted to give her a surprise as it was her birthday.

Upon reaching home, my sister fried some eggs while (24)_____ spread some jam and butter on the toast.

When breakfast was ready, we took (25)_____ into Grandma's room. She was pleasantly surprised by (26)_____ efforts.

"How sweet of you, children!" she exclaimed.

Section E (4 x 1m)

Grammar Cloze

Read the passage carefully. There are 4 blanks, numbered 27 to 30, in the passage below. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

The stick insect is one of the longest species of insects. It can
(27) [grow / grows] to about 30 cm long! Stick insects are usually green or brown and (28) [live / lives] in tropical forests. These insects spend much of their time in trees. When a predator (29) [approach/ approaches] them, they will remain completely still. Even the eggs of a stick insect
(30) [look / looks] like plant seeds. This prevents other animals from eating them.

Adapted from: <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com>

Section G (5 x 2m)

Comprehension Open

Read the passage below and answer questions 35 to 39.

Tim stared at his pair of old glasses. He sighed for he simply could not remember when he had started wearing them. Sometimes, he would wonder if he was born with glasses.

One day in class, while Tim was doing his work, his old pair of glasses slid off his face again and landed on the floor. Quickly, he went 5 down on all fours to look for them. His teacher saw him doing that and asked, "Tim, what's going on?"

"I can't find my glasses," said Tim. His classmates started to laugh. Finally, Tim found them behind his desk but he realised that they were broken. Tears welled up in his eyes. For the rest of the day, he could not 10 concentrate in class.

After school, Tim's mother, Mrs Lee, took Tim to the optician. Mrs Lee showed Tim a pair of dark brown glasses. However, Tim preferred the bright red pair. "I think this brown pair looks better on you," said Mrs Lee. Reluctantly, he agreed and a week later, he collected his new 15 glasses.

On the way home by bus, Tim chose a window seat. He looked out of the window and all of a sudden, everything he saw seemed crystal clear to him. The best part was that his glasses no longer slid off his face. Tim was glad that he had broken his glasses. 20

Adapted from The Magic Glasses

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

35. Why did Tim think that he was born with glasses?

36. What does the word 'that' (line 6) refer to?

37. How did Tim feel when he found out that his glasses were damaged?

38. What did Tim's mother do to help Tim see clearly again?

39. Give two reasons to explain why Tim was glad that he had broken his glasses.

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

Q15) tent

Q16) B

Q17) 2 , 1 , 3

Q18) as still as a rock

Q19) True

Q20) False

Q21) True

Q22) i) Maya made sketches of some wild flowers.

ii) Maya pitched the tent.

iii) Maya had meals by the campfire.

Q23) F

Q24) A

Q25) B

Q26) C

Q27) grow

Q28) live

Q29) approaches

Q30) look

Q31) Neither Sumei nor her cousins like to sing.

Q32) This is the vase which your mother wanted.

Q33) Bala told his mother that he would be attending the art class that night.

Q34) The teacher who makes sure that all her students understand her lessons is dedicated.

Q35) Tim simply could not remember when he had started wearing glass.

Q36) It refers to the action of Tim going down on all fours to look for his glasses.

Q37) Tim left very sad and distracted.

Q38) Tim's mother took Tim to the optician for a new pair of glasses.

Q39) With the new glasses Tim got after breaking his old pair, he could see everything crystal clear and it also did not slip off his face.